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# JAILBIRDS' 500 ASSAULTS ON PRISON STAFF

## Tories slam two attacks a week on wardens at county jails as 'shocking'

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

PRISON wardens and staff in Kent are attacked by inmates twice a week, a new report indicates.

Official figures obtained by the Conservative Party show there were 500 assaults at nine Kent jails from 2003 to 2007 – 100 a year.

The Prison Officers Association called on the Government to better protect those working in jails.

Edward Garnier, the Tories' shadow justice minister, told Kent on Sunday: "Five hundred assaults on Kent's prison officers is a shocking figure."

"Assaulting prison staff is a criminal offence and should be dealt with as such."

He added: "These figures clearly show the Government has both failed to provide enough room for prisoners and failed to protect their staff in Kent."

The figures, which were released in Parliament by Justice Secretary Jack Straw, showed there were 174 assaults in 2003-2007 on prison staff at high security

Belmarsh in Thamesmead – compared with just two at East Sutton Park in Sutton Valence, Maidstone.

The next highest number of assaults – 121 – was at Elmley Prison in Eastchurch, Sheerness.

However, the total number of attacks on Kent prison wardens and staff in 2007 was 74, down from 140 in 2003. No details are provided for the seriousness of the assaults.

Glyn Travis, assistant general secretary of the POA, said: "Kent may not be the worst in the country, but 500 assaults over this time period is not acceptable."

### Dangerous

"More need to be done to protect our staff – prisons are becoming more and more dangerous places for not only the staff, but also the prisoners."

Damian Green, MP for Ashford – and Tory home affairs spokesman – said: "We know this is a difficult job to do and every prison officer knows the risks."

"But it is totally unacceptable for so many to be assaulted. Five hundred is a shocking number. We need to better protect prison officers."

"At this rate, two officers are being

attacked every single week and that is simply horrific."

But a Prison Service spokesman said violence was not tolerated and only a fraction of the assaults were serious.

"Assaults on prison staff are taken very seriously and depending on the severity will be dealt with internally or referred to the police," he said.

"Serious assaults in prison only account for around 10 per cent of the overall number of all incidents recorded."

"Any increase in the number of recorded assaults may be due to improved reporting and better data processing, as well as there being more prisoners held for violent offences."

The spokesman said that since 2004, every public sector prison has been told to put a violence reduction strategy in place.

No one was available for comment at Belmarsh Prison. It opened in April 1991 and has a capacity of more than 900 prisoners, many of them Category A – the most dangerous.

Other figures released by the Tories this week showed the volume of drugs seized in jails in England and Wales has increased by 12 per cent since 2005, with 15,000 seizures in three years.



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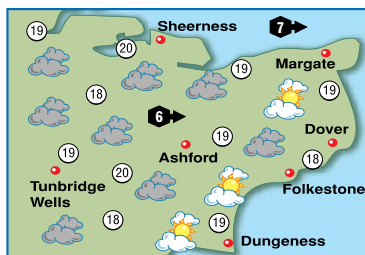
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**TONIGHT:** Dry with clear spells and variable amounts of cloud. There will be gentle westerly winds. Min temp 9-12C (48-54F).

## Around Britain

|             |        | °C | °F |            |        | °C | °F |
|-------------|--------|----|----|------------|--------|----|----|
| Aberdeen    | cloudy | 18 | 64 | London     | fair   | 18 | 64 |
| Belfast     | cloudy | 19 | 66 | Liverpool  | cloudy | 20 | 68 |
| Birmingham  | cloudy | 19 | 66 | Manchester | cloudy | 20 | 68 |
| B'mouth     | cloudy | 20 | 68 | Newcastle  | cloudy | 19 | 66 |
| Bristol     | fair   | 17 | 63 | Norwich    | fair   | 19 | 66 |
| Cardiff     | cloudy | 20 | 68 | Oxford     | cloudy | 20 | 68 |
| Cork        | cloudy | 17 | 63 | Southsea   | fair   | 19 | 66 |
| Edinburgh   | cloudy | 19 | 66 | S'hampton  | fair   | 18 | 64 |
| Glasgow     | cloudy | 18 | 64 | Southport  | sun    | 19 | 66 |
| Isle of Man | fair   | 17 | 63 | Swansea    | cloudy | 18 | 64 |
| Leeds       | cloudy | 18 | 64 | Torquay    | fair   | 19 | 66 |

## Sun & moon

|          |        |          |         |                    |
|----------|--------|----------|---------|--------------------|
| Sunrise  | 4.53am | Sunset   | 9.09pm  | Lighting up times: |
| Moonrise | 5.43pm | Moonsset | 12.30am | 9.09pm to 4.54am   |

## High Tides

|           | today  |        | tomorrow |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
|           | ht (m) | ht (m) | ht (m)   | ht (m) |
| Dover     | 08.13  | 5.3    | 20.39    | 5.4    |
| Margate   | 08.54  | 3.8    | 21.22    | 3.9    |
| St Mary's | 01.24  | 4.2    | 14.03    | 4.3    |
|           |        |        | 02.33    | 4.3    |
|           |        |        | 15.06    | 4.5    |

## Week ahead

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| <b>monday</b><br>Sunny spells.<br>max 21C min 13C    | <b>thursday</b><br>Heavy showers.<br>max 20C min 11C |
| <b>tuesday</b><br>The odd shower.<br>max 22C min 12C | <b>friday</b><br>Mainly dry.<br>max 21C min 12C      |
| <b>wednesday</b><br>Showers.<br>max 22C min 12C      | <b>saturday</b><br>A few showers.<br>max 21C min 12C |

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## COUNTY SHOW SPECIAL REPORT Thousands descend upon

# Fine display of all things Kent

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**TENS** of thousands of visitors have been flocking to one of the largest outdoor events in the county, celebrating three days of all things Kent.

Animal displays and face painting are among the many activities on offer at this weekend's Kent County Show, in Detling.

There are more than 900 stalls and a selection of sheep, cows, goats and horses all battling out to win prestigious prizes.

The event, which began on Friday and is now in its 79th year, is expected to bring in around 100,000 visitors to the 250-acre showground.

It is run by Kent County Agricultural Society, which was determined that economic woes would not interfere with the enjoyment.

Society chairman George Jessel said: "The farming community is having a much better year with the national commodity basis greatly improved from last year.

"Sadly, I have to say that this has been off-set with the rise in imports, especially fuel and fertiliser, which have more than doubled within the past year."

## Important

Fundraisers from Kent children's charity Demelza House have seen hundreds of visitors flocking to their stall, which offers face painting, a life-size Dr Who Dalek and Tardis, as well as an opportunity to win a BMX bike in celebration of its 10th birthday.

Area fundraising manager Donna Wells said: "This event is really important for us to attend because it attracts so many people county-wide who may not know about Demelza House and the families it serves in Kent, south east London and East Sussex.

"The weekend isn't just about raising money, it's about making people aware of the charity. We hope to see thousands of visitors to the stall over the weekend.

"If everyone who came to the stall donated a pound, we would be extremely happy.

"Girls love the face painting and all the children seem to love our life-size, re-created Dr Who Tardis and Dalek."

There are many areas which make up the Kent County Show. Among them is the agricultural area, where visitors can get up close and personal with sheep, cows, goats, pigs,



**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE:** Trade exhibitions, livestock, machinery, face-painting, and local produce – what more could visitors to this year's County Show want?

rabbits and poultry, and the 'why farming matters' exhibition, which includes a 'smoothie bike' that turns Kent strawberries and milk into a delicious drink.

Woodland and Wildlife, countryside, Kent young farmers clubs, a motor zone, an equestrian zone and the equestrian zone are also areas that have been open to visitors over the weekend.

Catherine Burls took her two-year-old daughter to the show for the first time on Friday and said it has been a very enjoyable time so far.

She said: "I have been coming here for years, but sadly we missed out last year because our daughter was too young to really appreciate everything that's going on.

"I think it's really important for us to take her to an event like this. It gives her a chance to learn about our heritage and see animals that she otherwise might not have got to see.

"The dog show has been her favourite so far and all the stalls are great. It's been a lovely day."

Cllr Denise Joy, Mayor of Maidstone, is a regular visitor to the Kent County Show and

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managed to squeeze in a "flying visit" to this year's event in between her mayoral duties.

She said on Friday: "It's always such a good day, especially when the weather is a good as it has been so far today."

"It's a wonderful event and something that brings people together."

Attractions at this year's event include The Diggerland JCB Stunt Team, a performance from the band of the corps of Royal Engineers, a display from The Spirit of Kent Spitfire, The Tigers Parachute Team, as well as dog shows and show jumping.

Catherine Horne, one of a generation of farmers in her family, has taken her animals to the event to compete in a number of the competitions.

The 24-year-old, from Ashford, said: "We come every year - it's like a tradition really. My dad came, my granddad has come since he was a boy. It's a really enjoyable event and something we work towards at the farm."

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## Court told death crash cop looked like a 'boy racer'

A DRIVER who saw a police car seconds before it smashed into a young mother's car and killed her, described the officer at the wheel as "a boy racer".

Rachel Cheesewright, 29, died when the Skoda patrol car careered into her Fiesta as she pulled out on to the A28, near Woodchurch.

The mother of a young daughter had just finished her shift at the Bonny Cravat pub late on October 22, 2005.

Her family is suing Kent Police for damages at Canterbury County Court.

Isobel Hayward had just pulled out of Brissenden Green Lane on to the A28 when she saw the patrol car bearing down on her.

She said: "I could see the two policemen laughing and joking. They looked liked a couple of boys racing a go-kart."

The case continues.

## Call-up for Tigers

TROOPS serving with Kent's county regiment are going to Afghanistan in October, the Ministry of Defence has announced.

A total of 170 soldiers from The 1st Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (1PWRR) will tour the dangerous Helmand Province until April 2009 as part of 3 Commando Brigade, Royal Marines.

Known as The Armoured Tigers, 1PWRR are based in Paderborn, north Germany.

Lieutenant Colonel Charlie Sykes, the commanding officer of 1PWRR, said the soldiers were ready.

"Although slightly apprehensive, they are determined to live up to the hard-won reputation of 1PWRR as the most highly-decorated battalion in the Army."

## KoS chief's baby joy

KOS Media managing director Paul Stannard is the proud father of a bouncing baby boy after wife Andrea gave birth on Friday.

Baby Sydney came into the world at 1.51pm, weighing in at a healthy 8lb1oz. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Congratulations to the happy couple from from all friends and colleagues at KOS Media.



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# Movie-maker Bill earns New York accolade

## Keeping it real is winning formula

KENT'S own Guy Ritchie has picked up a major award for his London gangster movie.

It took the Best International Feature at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival. Bill Maloney's small company, Pie 'n' Mash Films deliberately made the movie *Lunatic* on a tiny budget to add gritty realism, something British films are noted for. Mr Maloney stresses he is not in the business to make millions, but rather to use film to show the struggles of the individual.

He told Kent on Sunday: "I was in New York for the awards ceremony and was there on the nights we had to be. Then me and my personal assistant Lilly went on to the streets of Harlem with a digital camcorder talking to the people there to find out how they live and how they cope."

"What we saw was frightening. One guy pulled a gun on us, waved it in my face and then walked off. He was not threatening me, just saw the camera, two white people and was just showing off. But it was a worrying moment. We really were putting our lives at risk for this documentary I wanted to shoot. I am now working in my chalet in Herne Bay cutting it together to make a short film in which I get killed."

"It's going to be called Billy and Lilly in New York and is out in September. I live for making films, and I only want to make gritty, down-to-earth films with real people."

My last film was a black comedy called *The Blunderers* and most of the people in that come from the streets of Kent's coastal towns like Margate. That is also out in September."

Mr Maloney's main movie to date, *Lunatic*, has been described as *GoodFellas*, after Martin Scorsese's classic mob movie *GoodFellas*. It is a gangster film shot with just £40,000 and very few edits, to "keep it as realistic as possible".

He is also working on a new film called *The*

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ON THE RISE: Award-winning film-maker Bill Maloney with wife Maria and daughter Regan. Inset: Movie poster for *Lunatic*

Brass. Mr Maloney came from a deprived background, with alcoholic parents and spent time in care and at a young offenders' institution. The 52-year-old runs Pie 'n' Mash films with wife Maria, who looks after the administration, and daughter Regan, 31, his director of photography. He is determined to stay in the same south-east London flat he has lived in for three decades and is proud to have beaten the bottle himself.

His wife said: "I did worry about him when he said he was going off into Harlem, but he is very good at defusing situations rather than inflaming them."

Mr Maloney said: "I only feel alive when I am behind a camera - I love it."

*Lunatic* is available from online DVD stores including play.com; hmv.com; amazon.co.uk and for rental from lovefilm.com.

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## Dreamboat godmother

MULTI-talented classical musician, singer and presenter Myleene Klass became "ship's godmother" to the superliner *Carnival Splendor* in Dover, writes **Julie Maddocks**.

Miami-based Carnival, the world's largest cruise operator, christened its newest ship at Dover's Cruise Terminal 2 on Thursday.

The ceremony featured the former *Hear'Say* star, who told KOS Media she felt privileged to be asked to christen the vessel.

"I have strong family ties with the Navy," she said. "My dad was a merchant seaman and a Royal Navy officer, and was a diver."

"When other kids were playing in a Wendy House, I was in a decompression chamber playing with my dolls!"

The new mum even took her baby daughter on board.

The ceremony saw the *I'm a Celebrity* TV show's queen of the jungle hand a bottle of bubbly to a Navy diver. The seaman then dropped into the harbour before hauling himself up a 60ft rope to break the bottle against the liner's hull.

The 113,000-tonne *Carnival Splendor* can carry more than 3,000 passengers. Costing £300 million, it is the largest passenger ship



KLASS ACT: Ship's godmother Myleene at Dover's cruise terminal

ever to sail from the Kent port, which was chosen for this summer's UK inaugural voyage and departure.

• To see Julie Maddocks' Your Kent TV interview with Myleene Klass in full, log onto [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk) and click on the Leisure Channel.

## Resident dies in care home fire

A RESIDENT at a care home has died in a fire. Twenty-five people had to be led to safety by fire crews after the blaze broke out at The Hockeridge in Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Thanet, just before 11pm last Sunday.

Two fire engines from Westgate and Margate were first on the scene, but had to call for back-up because of people trapped inside the building.

At the height of the blaze, five fire engines and specialist support vehicles attended, along with police and ambulance crews.

Eight firefighters wearing breathing apparatus were sent into the three-storey building to search for casualties.

Paramedics attended to one casualty who was rescued by fire crews. The blaze was brought under control just after midnight.

The fire is not being treated as suspicious, but the cause is being investigated.

## Ferry nice shot

MEMBERS of the England women's cricket team have launched their summer series with a unusual cricket match on the helipad of the SeaFrance ferry Rodin.

The players set up stumps on the top deck while the ship was docked at Calais and gave the crowd a display of their skills, as the French crew helped field balls which flew from one deck to another.

Team captain Charlotte Edwards said: "We had a great day. It is always good to launch the series to drum up a bit more interest and to do it in this way is a lot of fun."

SeaFrance sales director Bill Laidlaw said: "We wish them all the best for the coming series against South Africa."

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MARKET PLACE: Crash-test dummies were on hand during Motorshow@Bluewater, while television motoring man Quentin Willson (right) 'checks the metal' at the successful event

# Slash fuel tax or crash economy, says TV star

MOTORING guru Quentin Willson opened Kent's premier motor show, held at the Bluewater shopping centre, and immediately fired a salvo in defence of the hard-pressed motorist.

Having previously campaigned successfully for lower car prices comparable with those on the Continent, thereby gaining notoriety with car makers for wiping £2 billion off their balance sheets, he is now urging the Government to slash fuel taxes to help drivers and consumers ride the storm of soaring oil prices.

The alternative, he argued at the second annual Motorshow@Bluewater, was for Gordon Brown's government to "crash this economy".

He added: "People pay 60p in the £1 at the pump and this is funded from taxed income – we are actually being taxed at 100 per cent to run our cars."

The TV motoring presenter and writer also

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slammed the Government's hikes in road taxes as too much and 10 years too late as a bid to force people to downsize to more economical and lower emission models.

"No wonder people are in a state of panic about whether to change or keep their cars in the face of current economic woes," he said.

He added: "People are thinking about very little else apart from how many miles to the gallon does it do, how much carbon dioxide does it give out and how much is my part exchange worth?"

Fortunately, he was able to dispense some advice: Diesel fuel is now too expensive at the pumps and the higher miles per gallon takes too long to pay back the higher cost of a diesel car. It's therefore better to buy a thrifty low-emission petrol model – get your pump costs and road tax down as low as possible.

Learn how to drive more economically and

get yourself a portable sat nav to avoid expensive detours and traffic jams.

He predicted that hybrids were the best bet for greener motoring in the short-to-medium term, especially as better and greener battery technology was arriving all the time.

He backed hydrogen power longer term, but added ruefully: "For the money this Government wasted propping up Northern Rock, we could have put a hydrogen power infrastructure in place starting tomorrow."

For those in two minds about what car to buy, he was pleased to recommend shows like Motorshow@Bluewater: "People are wary of going into a dealer and being pressured into buying on his terms. They can go into a motor show like this without that feeling and deal on their terms, looking at various makes and models. It's an enjoyable experience and people are buying cars."

He argued that it was also healthy for the dealers, several kicking off the show with a round of discounts: "Get them all in one place and they start to compete with each other."

More than 20 car brands were represented at the Bluewater event and one dealer said: "Car showrooms are really quiet at the moment and people just aren't coming in to look at cars."

"This is why we all have to explore alternative routes and the chance to showcase our motors in front of a footfall of 250,000 is an opportunity we can't afford to miss."

Event organiser, Mike Richardson said: "This year we made the event even bigger, moving the location of the show closer to Bluewater and increasing the number of car brands on display."

Some dealers made special show offers and Mitsubishi, Nissan and Toyota dealers all sold cars at the show.

• **For more on greener and cheaper motoring, see our Driving section, starting on p49. Our own motoring man Steve Loader explains his hopes for the forthcoming British International Motor Show, and you can also read his road test on Skoda's new eco-friendly Fabia Greenline.**

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# Mum: Help find my girl's rapist

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A MOTHER has made an emotional plea to holiday-makers to help find a man who raped her daughter and has been on the run for the last two years.

Andrew Alderman, 48, from Maidstone, was due to be sentenced for sexually abusing the 14-year-old girl, but disappeared while on bail on August 31, 2006.

Police believe the paedophile, who speaks several languages including Spanish, is in hiding on the Spanish mainland, but he could be on Ibiza, Mallorca or the Canary Islands.

The mother, who cannot be named for legal reasons, said: "It's a living nightmare for my daughter, who has not seen justice served. He still has his liberty while she lives with the scars of what he did everyday."

"She's not over it, but she's not going to let it ruin her life. I'm proud of her but I know until he's found and in prison she can't move on."

"I want to appeal to any holiday-makers going to the Continent this



**CONVICTED:** Andrew Alderman

summer to remember his photo and if they see him to contact police."

In his absence, Alderman was sentenced to 10 years in prison for rape, indecent assault and sexual activity with a child.

The victim's mum said Alderman escaping justice had added to the emotional trauma.

She said: "It took a year to go to court but there was still no end... It's a continual nightmare, you think you're going to wake up but you don't."

"When I told my daughter he was found guilty it was euphoria for 10 minutes, then I had to tell her he

had done a runner. She was scared, she thought he was going to find her. We were back to square one."

Her daughter, who is now 20, suffered with depression and had to repeat a year of school.

Alderman was last seen on CCTV cameras at the Channel Tunnel as he made his way to Europe.

Det Insp Caroline Nyman said: "We have been working closely with Interpol and a European arrest warrant has been issued."

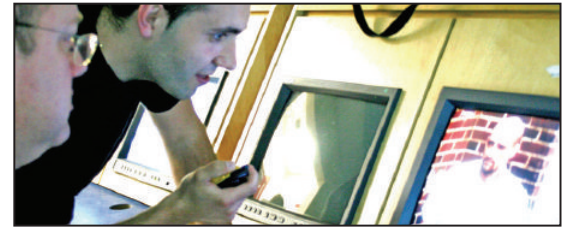
"In addition, we have been working with the banks to monitor any financial activity that may lead us to his whereabouts."

So far there have been no leads or sightings, which is why police are appealing to anyone who may recognise the picture of Alderman to get in touch.

The mum said: "If someone knows just a bit of information it's important. He's not a friend, he's a rapist and a paedophile. The British justice system proved this and he could do it to someone else."

"I'm scared for other women and girls. The thought of a mother going through what I have makes me feel physically sick."

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 01622 652078 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.



**HANDS ON:** Adrian Love and Aleksander Szczepaniak are watching

## Training is the big brother of college

SNOOPERS will now be able to get professional training after a college launched a CCTV course.

The short course at Mid-Kent College's Horsted site in Chatham will provide students with a CCTV operator's qualification.

The programme's tutor, Mick Harrison, is a retired police officer who has spent the last 10 years operating CCTV for the Metropolitan Police.

He said: "The important thing is Mid-Kent College allows students access to is Horsted's Training Control Room. Very few establish-

ments in the country use facilities like these purely for training."

Brett Edwards, who is currently enrolled on the course, said: "Although there are courses like this in London, they are very expensive and use a real control room. You end up feeling like you're getting in the way of people who are trying to do their job."

"The facilities here are ideal and as a result we're all getting a lot out of the course."

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**NEW CHIEF:** Matthew Butler

## Royal aide for campaign

AN AIDE of Prince Charles has been appointed head of the Save Canterbury Cathedral campaign.

Matthew Butler, 48, is the new chief executive of the organisation trying to raise £50 million towards conservation of the famous building.

He has previously chaired the board of Cotswold Care Hospice in

Gloucestershire, where he launched the successful £3m appeal to build a new hospice.

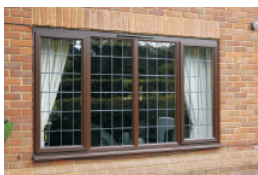
Mr Butler, who was assistant private secretary to the Prince of Wales from 1993-96, is a part-time quarry to the Prince, advising on historic churches and regeneration projects near Highgrove House.

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# Legendary rocker thrills Hop Farm crowd but rival Zoo8 festival ends in chaos



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ROCK legend Neil Young set the Hop Farm alight with a stunning display of electric and acoustic classics.

As well as hits My, My, Hey, Hey and Heart of Gold, the Canadian superstar covered The Beatles' A Day in the Life for the 30,000-strong crowd.

He headlined the first Hop Farm Festival, near Paddock Wood, last Sunday, with support from Primal Scream, Supergrass, Rufus Wainwright and others.

And organiser Vince Power

By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

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revealed he wanted the festival to return next year even bigger.

"My idea was to put my foot in the water this year and do a three-day festival next year, to make a name for the Hop Farm like the Isle of Wight," he said.

The previous day the Hop Farm hosted a festival based on cult TV show The Mighty Boosh, including The Charlatans and Gary Numan.

Meanwhile, the inaugural three-day Zoo8 festival at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park descended into

shambles as headline acts cancelled and facilities were criticised.

Co-director Ricardo Monty said they were hoping to organise another festival for 2009.

He said: "You could say we were a little naive. It was our first time and we hope people will forgive us where we got it slightly wrong."

He said refunds were a possibility: "We are looking at each case on its merits."

About 12,000 fans attended Zoo8 – 8,000 fewer than were hoped for – each day.

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**ON SONG:** Bobby Gillespie of rockers Primal Scream



**MY HAT:** Rufus Wainwright sings to the crowd, left



## Bishop's distress over conflict within Church

THE Bishop of Dover has explained why he broke down in tears when church authorities voted to allow women bishops.

After the controversial vote on Monday, which saw pleas from traditionalists ignored, the Rt Rev Stephen Venner, said he was "ashamed" because the Church had ignored the wishes those opposed to women bishops.

The Church of England will draw up a code of practice to cater for those who believe the Bible teaches that bishops must be men, but it is not expected to be enough to prevent some form of split.

Bishop Venner told KOS Media: "I did not realise until Monday evening how passionately I love the Church I have grown up in and served as a minister for 40 years."

"I cherish the way the Church of England has provided a spiritual home for people with a wide range of Christian outlooks, even if from time to time it looks messy."

"Towards the end of the debate, it seemed all this was at risk. I was called to speak. I said we had talked for hours about wanting to be able to ordain women as bishops, while continuing to give an honourable place for those who, with integrity, disagree."

"As someone who looks forward to women bishops, I was ashamed that we had turned down every realistic opportunity for those who are opposed to stay and flourish."

"Yes, opening my heart to an emotionally charged chamber got to me, but I feel pas-

sionately that the Church should continue to be a place where all can feel at home, and work out their differences together. Now I pray that the God who is always capable of surprising us will help us find a way to move forward together."

His view was backed by the Bishop of Tonbridge, the Right Rev Dr Brian Castle, who said: "I am in favour of women bishops."

He pointed out the Synod meeting was not trying to decide whether women should be bishops or not, as that had been decided in principle two years ago.

### Complex issue

He said: "The debate was to discover what was the best way forward to do it, taking account of the different reactions within the Church. It was accepted at the meeting that some people are not supportive of the ordination of women to be bishops, just as there are some who are supportive."

"It is important that both sides' views are fully taken account of. We need to proceed in a way that keeps the richness and breadth of the Church as fully intact as possible."

He said it was a complex issue and he did not expect to see women bishops for years.

"Even if it all goes smoothly through the system there won't be a woman ordained for another six or seven years," said the bishop.

"The matter goes to every diocese for consideration before going back before the Synod."

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# Race ace Lewis ready to blast Brands again

By **CHRIS MURPHY**  
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FORMULA One star Lewis Hamilton is returning to his racing roots when he speeds back into Kent to give fans a chance to see him in action.

The race ace is making an appearance at Brands Hatch during an important meeting next month.

He will be taking his 200mph McLaren Mercedes around the track to give tens of thousands of fans a real thrill.

Mr Hamilton started his career at Buckmore Park karting track near Chatham, at the age of eight, in front of McLaren boss Ron Dennis who later signed him up and guided him to F1 glory.

Fresh from last Sunday's victory at the British Grand Prix in wet conditions that saw his rivals spinning from the Silverstone circuit, he will now be driving demonstration laps at Brands.

He is joining the DTM event at Brands Hatch on August 31 for round eight of the popular international touring car series.

DTM is well-known territory for Mr Hamilton. In 2004 and 2005, he contested the Formula Three Euro Series, DTM's feeder partner series for young talent, and in only his second season he secured the title.

In addition to doing laps on the short version

■ CYCLISTS have a chance to try out the world-famous Brands Hatch race course at special a fundraiser.

The event on Friday, August 15, has been organised by Swanley and North Downs Lions Club.

Sponsored cyclists will have the opportunity of riding round the famous Grand Prix loop, while raising money for the Lions Hospice and other good causes.

The Lions Hospice provides specialist care for adults in Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley and the surrounding villages.

The event takes place between 6-8pm, but it is not a race, and riders set their own target for the number of laps.

Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult and under 18s will need a parent or responsible adult to countersign their form.

Riders must have a minimum sponsorship of £10 per adult and £5 for under 16s. For more details and sponsor forms, contact Colin McRobert on 01732 823827, or email mrobert@woodeaves.freereserve.co.uk.

of the former Grand Prix track, he will be available to sign autographs for fans.

Mr Hamilton said: "I am really looking forward to visiting a DTM race again. At Brands Hatch I will drive my Vodafone McLaren Mercedes Formula One car."

"I have fond memories of the time when I competed in the Formula Three Euro Series which is run as a supporting event to the DTM races. I really like the atmosphere of the DTM



**DOWN THE HATCH:** Lewis Hamilton

and the great racing the series is famous for.

"I enjoyed my 2005 season when I became the Formula 3 Euro Series Champion and when the Mercedes-Benz DTM team celebrated my title win in Zandvoort together with me."

Between 1964 and 1986, the Kent circuit hosted the British Formula One Grand Prix 12 times.

DTM will be making its only UK visit to Brands Hatch on August 30-31. Tickets cost from £25 for adults, with free entry for children aged 12 and under.

For more information phone 0870 950 9000 or visit [www.brandshatch.co.uk](http://www.brandshatch.co.uk).

## Mosaic fundraiser

THE Caldecott Foundation, which cares for children who have suffered cruelty and neglect, has a new online fundraising appeal.

The [www.caldecott.mosaicappeal.com](http://www.caldecott.mosaicappeal.com) website features a picture – drawn by one of the children at the charity in Smeeth, near Ashford – divided into 1,350 mosaic tiles. Donors can buy individual tiles for £10 and add a personal message. Tiles round the border cost £100 and will appeal particularly to corporate sponsors who can create a link to their own websites.

Caldecott head of fundraising Samantha Scott said: "Our target is to raise £40,000 for our work with vulnerable children."

## Brothers in arts

CONTROVERSIAL Brit artists Jake and Dinos Chapman have been given honorary degrees by the University College for the Creative Arts at Canterbury.

The brothers were presented with Honorary Master of Arts degrees during the graduation ceremony at the King's School, Canterbury, on Tuesday.

The pair are notorious for their grotesque mannequins of children. The degrees were presented for the brothers' "outstanding contribution to fine arts".

## Memory research

ELDERLY volunteers are being sought for new research that could help the police.

The psychology department at Kent University needs volunteers aged 65 and over to help develop interview methods that could be used to enhance the memories of elderly witnesses.

Participation should take no longer than an hour and volunteers will watch a video and then be asked questions. All information will be treated as confidential. Contact Joyce Humphries on 01227 824187 or email [J.E.Humphries@kent.ac.uk](mailto:J.E.Humphries@kent.ac.uk).

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# Iron Age discovery puts a block in the pipeworks

IT WAS supposed to be laying the groundwork for a pipe providing water to thousands of new homes, but instead it uncovered an ancient settlement dating back more than 2,000 years.

South East Water discovered the remains of an Iron Age settlement at Shadoxhurst, while it was preparing to lay the final section of a massive new water pipeline between Bewl Reservoir, near Lamberhurst, and Ashford.

Construction work was temporarily halted in the area to allow a team of archaeologists to investigate and record and preserve the ancient finds.

They include evidence of postholes of an Iron Age roundhouse, five buried cremation urns and a large amount of pottery.

The ancient roundhouse would have been approximately 10 metres in diameter with timber supports, and the walls and roof would have been made with wattle and daub.

Project manager Paul Clifford said: "This exciting find has come out of the blue because we had previously undertaken surveys of the area and found nothing of archaeological importance."

"On large schemes such as this we take the extra precaution of having archaeologists working alongside our contractors to ensure that if we do find anything of historical significance, then we can halt work for further investigations."

"This ensures we can continue to protect and record our ancient heritage."

Work on the pipeline will now have to be delayed while archaeologists carry out



**UNCOVERED:** Iron Age settlement where new water pipeline was to be laid

a more detailed investigation of the site.

South East Water says the new scheme is vital to supply Ashford as the town expands.

Tim Allen from Kent Archaeological Projects said: "Although the east of Kent has a rich Iron Age history, there has been little evidence previously in this area of the Weald."

"The great thing about this trench is that it is just cutting a straight line arbitrarily through the countryside. As we get closer to Ashford the archaeology is getting more interesting."

"We found the burial urns in one area and then about a kilometre away we found the fairly well preserved roundhouse settlement."

The Iron Age in Britain is thought to have lasted for about 800 years, from 750BC to AD40.

## 'I want my preciousss' says Serkis

### Actor wants to reprise role of Gollum for film version of The Hobbit



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## EXCLUSIVE

By **CHRIS MURPHY**  
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**LORD** of the Rings star Andy Serkis has revealed he would love to play Gollum again in the film being made of *The Hobbit*.

But in an exclusive interview with KOS Media, Serkis, 44, revealed, "nothing is signed and sealed".

The King Kong star also spoke about his role as Captain Haddock in a movie trilogy about the comic book character Tintin, being directed and produced by Steven Spielberg and Peter Jackson.

He talked to KOS Media just days before filming at Dickens World in Chatham this weekend for a possible new TV series.

Serkis said he was keen to reprise his most famous role as the creature Gollum in the new film being directed by Guillermo del Toro and produced by Lord of the Rings director Peter Jackson.

"Nothing is signed and sealed," he said. "Gollum and Gandalf are in *The Hobbit* and whoever says I am in it for sure is assuming that has all been done and dusted.

## Visionaries

"But you never know in this industry. It would be fantastic to play Gollum again. He is a wonderful character and I enjoyed playing him in the Lord of the Rings. There's more to be got out of him and more fun to be had."

Comparing Jackson and del Toro as directors, he said: "I know Peter Jackson inside out now after King Kong, which was amazing fun, and Lord of the Rings.

"They are both complete visionaries. I know Guillermo will bring a fresh set of eyes to the story, which is greatly loved. As a combo, Guillermo and Peter will be awesome."

Mexican Del Toro directed cult films such as *Pan's Labyrinth*, *Blade II* and *Hellboy*. As well as *The Hobbit*, which is due out in 2011, he will direct a film chronicling events in the gap between that story and what happens in *The Lord of the Rings*.

Asked if he is knocking on doors to make sure he gets the part, Serkis said: "The actual nuts and bolts of being approached through my agent will come fairly soon I would imagine.

"It would be strange if Gollum wasn't there and it would be strange I would imagine if they



**LORD, GIVE ME A RING:** Andy Serkis is waiting for the makers of a film version of *The Hobbit* to ask him to reprise Gollum

didn't ask me to do it. So I am secretly assuming I will be."

Serkis starts filming the first Tintin movie in Los Angeles in September.

He said: "This is being created using what is now called performance capture. You wear a funny black suit covered in white balls so the camera captures your performance, rather than your acting.

"It is a style that has become popular - I love it. I used it in King Kong and as Gollum. It is a superb way of working because it liberates you as an actor - you can play anything you want in it.

"It's down to how you interpret a role and you can completely transform yourself.

"Beowulf was done like this. The filming doesn't take too long, but post-production takes a while."

Some reports say Tintin is going to be more dark and sinister than the comics by Belgian Hergé, real name Georges Remi.

Serkis said: "I am not quite sure which way it is going to go. It's going to be a real adventure story - the characters are really well written and well drawn.

Serkis came to Dickens World to appear in a show provisionally called *Newgate*, which is described as *The Sopranos* set in 1700s London. If the pilot is a success, it could lead to a 13-part series.

He plays villainous Jonathan Wild in a pilot directed by Audrey Cooke, who has directed episodes of TV series including *The Bill*, *Holby City*, and *Brookside*.

The pilot will be taken to America in the hope a backer can be found to finance the series.

Serkis will be next seen in a BBC adaptation of Charles Dickens' *Little Dorrit*, with Maidstone-born Mackenzie Crook of *The Office* and *Pirates of the Caribbean* fame.

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## My village is no place to build a lorry park, says TV star O'Grady

CHAT SHOW star Paul O'Grady has blasted plans to build the controversial lorry park in Aldington, on the outskirts of Ashford.

The Channel 4 host, who lives in the village, said the £40 million plan to turn fields into a massive HGV parking site would "desecrate" the area.

He made his views known after opening the Aldington Primary School fete on Saturday, where he was mobbed by fans, many of whom were quick to congratulate him on being awarded an MBE in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours' List.

He said: "I am totally opposed to it. This is not the place for it. The roads around here will not take it. Look at a little road like Church Lane.

"I have already had some close encounters with lorries there.

"I am not saying there should not be a lorry park, but if they want one why don't they put it in Dover? This will desecrate this area."

He also said he had written to all the local representatives involved with the proposals and also opposed the recycling plant



**NO ROOM:** Paul O'Grady says roads around village could not cope with proposed lorry park

proposed by a private waste firm in nearby Sellindge.

He said: "There has not been a proper environmental study into these things. I think it is disgusting what the county council are doing."

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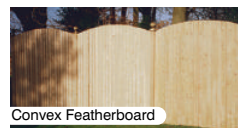
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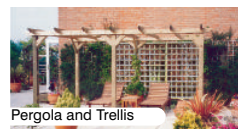


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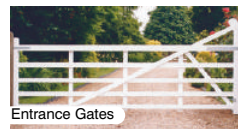


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# Mimi's marvellous challenge



**ULTRA KEEN:** Mimi Anderson will run the length of the UK

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**AN ULTRA** runner is preparing for her biggest challenge yet – breaking the world record between John O'Groats to Land's End.

The women's record for the 840-mile route from Scotland to Cornwall is 12 days, 16 hours and 23 minutes and to break it Mimi Anderson will be running the equivalent of three marathons a day.

The 45-year-old from Rolvenden is raising money for the charity BEAT (Beat Eating Disorders) after suffering from anorexia for 15 years.

"People do not like talking about eating disorders because they are mental health illnesses," she said.

"I want to prove that there is life after eating disorders, that you can get better and do fantastic things."

Mrs Anderson has been an 'ultra runner' since 1999, taking part in races which are longer than the tradi-

tional marathon distance of 26 miles and which often involve extreme courses with severe weather or rugged terrain. "The furthest I've run was 350 miles in the Arctic, but I've never done any distance like this," she said.

Despite suffering the setback of a head-on car accident in June, which left her with whiplash and forced to take a break from training, Mrs Anderson is confident she can break the record. The mother-of-three has been running between 60 and 100 miles a week, which has increased to 120 miles prior to the start of her run on Wednesday. She has also completed an 80-mile race in Chile and competed in South Africa in preparation.

Asked whether she had replaced an obsession over her diet with fitness, she said: "Eating disorders are about control. People with them tend to be high achievers. Possibly I have swapped one thing for another, but I have to eat or I could not do what I do. So in that respect it has been fantastic and made me realise there are more important things in life."

Mrs Anderson said she realises how lucky she has been after having two children despite still suffering from anorexia until she was 29 and then going on to give birth again. She said the disorder began when she was 14: "I had a nanny who used to bully me – which is a nice way of putting it. Then I went to boarding school and was teased about my weight and things started from there. Your self-esteem goes and you believe what they say. It was a way of controlling people's comments."

She said the aim was to raise awareness about eating disorders and hoped it would inspire others to get help.

Mrs Anderson, who is originally from Scotland, has a support team of four who will be filming her and writing a blog on [www.marvellousmimi.com](http://www.marvellousmimi.com). To sponsor her, go to [www.justgiving.com/marvellousmimi](http://www.justgiving.com/marvellousmimi).



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## Turner trust appointment delights KCC

A FORMER editor of the left-wing New Statesman magazine has been taken on to run the Turner Contemporary in Margate.

Award-winning journalist John Kampfnier has been appointed gallery chairman in a part-time non-executive role.

Kent County Council says the appointment is the first step in establishing Turner Contemporary as an independent charitable trust. Mr Kampfnier's first job is to recruit the full board and oversee the transfer of operations from KCC. Construction of the £17.4m gallery is due to begin in October.

### Challenge

Mr Kampfnier began his career with the Daily Telegraph and has also worked for the Financial Times and Radio Four's Today programme. He edited New Statesman from 2005-08.

He said: "Turner Contemporary will be one of the most exciting arts projects and I am thrilled to be taking up this new challenge."

KCC cabinet member for community services Mike Hill said: "This appointment is a milestone for Turner Contemporary and we are confident of its future under John's leadership."

"What really impressed us was his strength of conviction, clarity of vision and his enthusiasm."

# Dismay at organ theft

By **JAMES ALEXANDRE**

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A VICAR is praying for the safe return of 47 organ pipes stolen from a church near Faversham.

Police have described the theft from St Laurence's Church in Leaveland – one of the oldest churches in the area and dating from 1206 – as "despicable".

It is believed the crooks took the lead pipes some time between June 22 and July 6 to sell as scrap, but although they would cost £10,000 to replace, they would fetch a mere £50 at a scrap dealers.

Thefts of metal, particularly from churches, has become a growing problem in the face of rising international demand for materials as countries such as India and China expand their economies.

Sgt Dave Smith of the Faversham neighbourhood police team said he wants to appeal to the better nature of the thieves in the hope of seeing the pipes returned.

He said: "This is a despicable crime. Though the offenders may just see this as a petty theft, the impact it has on those who use the church

is substantial. These pipes are only worth £50 as scrap, but to replace them will cost thousands and until that money can be found it will leave the church devoid of music."

Inquiries are being made with local scrap dealers to see if they have been offered the pipes.

The Rev Arthur Skinner, vicar of St Laurence Church, said he only realised the pipes had gone when he arrived to conduct the service on Sunday morning.

He said: "It's very upsetting. My first reaction was surprise that people would break in and desecrate the church by taking the pipes. The police say there's a lot of this going on, what with church roofs as well, just to sell for scrap."

The organ still plays but does not produce the same sound or tone. The 47 pipes stolen vary from six inches to six feet in length and

are custom made, making them expensive to replace.

Asked what message he would send to the thieves, Mr Skinner said he would simply wish to have the pipes returned, especially considering their lowly worth as scrap metal, "even if they were left lying at the doorstep".

A blue Ford Transit flatbed lorry is thought to have been in the area on June 30.

Anyone who may know about this vehicle or the theft can call Faversham police on 01795 419182 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

• Police arrested two men suspected of stealing lead in the early hours on Wednesday after a householder was woken by noises on his roof. Officers were called to Spring Lane, Canterbury, and arrested two men, aged 22 and 23, from the city.

• Officers arrested five people suspected of attempting to steal a storm drain cover at New Hythe Lane, Larkfield, on Tuesday. The five, aged between 13 and 53, are from Maidstone and Snodland.

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# Liberty in action

A WORLD War Two Flying Fortress landed at Biggin Hill Airport to mark American Independence Day.

The B-17 bomber, the Liberty Belle, flew from Bangor Maine in the USA to the UK, following the route used by American bombers during the war.

It was piloted by owner Don Brooks, son of tail gunner Elton Brooks, who served in the US Army Air Corps during World War Two.

The bomber was at Biggin Hill on Friday, July 4, for a well-earned weekend rest before its scheduled appearance alongside sister B-17 bomber, Sally-B, at the Flying Legends Air Show in Duxford, Cambridgeshire, this weekend.

Mr Brooks said: "The purpose of the trip is to honour all the veterans who sacrificed so much during World War Two.

"There's just no way we can ever repay those guys but by flying a restored Flying Fortress, and letting people see it, we're preserving the memory of all those airmen who flew and fought and those who died in these airplanes."

Following a multi-million dollar restoration, the Liberty Belle is one of only a dozen or so B-17s still capable of flying.



PILOT: Don Brooks with the B-17 Liberty Belle

# Brothers in arms march in honour of fallen heroes

## Ex-servicemen reunite for moving tribute to war dead

By **SIMON ROBINSON**

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MORE than 1,000 former servicemen converged on Chatham Historic Dockyard on Saturday to mark the second annual Veterans' Day.

The commemorative event attracted former Armed Forces personnel and their guests from across Kent, all keen to recognise the service and sacrifices made by their lost comrades and colleagues.

The day also celebrated Kent TA100 – the 100th anniversary of the founding of the modern Territorial Army.

Both aspects of the day acknowledged the efforts of veterans young and old, who served in conflicts dating from World War Two through to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The emotive event began with a morning service in the Royal Dockyard church, followed by a range of activities and displays from the Armed Forces.

Highlights included the Royal Engineers' drive-a-digger attraction, a climbing wall manned by the Army Cadet Force and

infantry displays by the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment.

Throughout the day Medway MPs Jonathan Shaw and Paul Clark urged all ex-service personnel to register for a Veteran's Badge.

In a joint statement the Labour MPs said: "We believe it is very important that we recognise and support our veterans.

"Ultimately the aim is that every veteran of our Armed Forces, and those who have lost a husband or wife on active service, will get the badge.

"The many heroic acts and sacrifices of our veterans and their families must never be forgotten."

### Proud

Leslie Bardy, a former staff sergeant with the Royal Engineers, urged fellow veterans to apply for a badge.

He said: "I am aware some service personnel feel they would not really fit in as a veteran with only doing a short service and the possibility of standing next to someone who has been in the forces for a period of 22 years.

"I would like to inform these veterans that I would be very proud to have them standing next to me at any parade or Veterans' Day.

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**QUICK MARCH:** Ex-Armed Forces young and old on parade (above and below left), and (right) there were demonstrations and activities to be enjoyed at the second annual Veterans' Day



years in the service, but this doesn't matter. "Most of the young service personnel these days are away fighting in one theatre or another before the ink is dry on their ID cards. "With what they are put through they are heroes and have the right to be called veterans." • **Veterans who wish to apply for the badge can contact Jonathan Shaw MP on 01634 811 573 or email [sallg@parliament.uk](mailto:sallg@parliament.uk), or Paul Clark MP on 0207 219 5207 or email [davistr@parliament.uk](mailto:davistr@parliament.uk).**



## 'That's the Spirit' as Spitfire returns

THE Spirit of Kent Spitfire can be seen in action this weekend as it commemorates the start of the Battle of Britain.

The plane will be in skies above the Kent Battle of Britain Museum in Hawkinge, at 11am on Sunday, July 13, weather permitting.

The Spitfire will be carrying out an eight-minute display to commemorate the 68th anniversary of the start of the Battle of Britain, in which 544 Allied pilots and aircrew were killed, many of whom flew from the former

RAF Fighter Base at Hawkinge.

The Spirit of Kent, a restored Spitfire owned and operated by Peter Monk, is flown at displays in memory of No 131 'County of Kent' Squadron, a Squadron of Spitfires bought by donations from the people of Kent.

The Kent Battle of Britain Museum Trust is a charity run by volunteers and enthusiasts.

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If you're a driver, you need to be aware that children will be around more during the day and later into the lighter evenings. Extra care will be needed when driving near parks and play areas and remember that not all children will be under adult supervision when crossing the road. Children are unpredictable too and easily distracted, so expect the unexpected! Slowing down by just a few miles an hour can mean the difference between injury and death in a collision with a pedestrian.

If you have children who'll be out and about this summer, particularly if they're likely to be crossing the road unsupervised, make sure they know and use the 'green cross code'. Also remind them not to use mobile phones and iPods when crossing the road, as they can impair concentration and judgement, and can mask the sound of approaching traffic.

If you're crossing the road with your children, try to use a designated crossing point wherever possible and always cross responsibly to set a good example.

It's not just children who can be unpredictable either - summer is also the time when there's an influx of tourists and overseas students to Kent. It's very easy to get distracted when you're walking around on holiday and it's very easy for foreign visitors to forget which way the traffic is going!

All of this may sound like common sense, but it only takes a small concentration lapse to ruin your summer and ultimately your life.



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### Benefits of traffic management stack up!

If you live or work in Kent, you'll not only know about Operation Stack but also about the impact that it can have on the road network surrounding the M20.

The scheme comes into effect when there is a build up of lorries at the port of Dover, usually due to adverse weather conditions in the channel or industrial action that closes the French ports.

Operation Stack consists of three phases that make use of the M20 motorway to park waiting lorries. At its full capacity, the scheme can accommodate 8,072 vehicles until they can start moving again.

What you might not already know about is the work going on behind the scenes to keep other roads in the area moving. That's where the Traffic Management Centre (TMC) comes in. Kent Highway Services works closely with the national Highways Agency and Kent Police when Operation Stack is implemented and the TMC

plays a big role in co-ordinating traffic and dealing with the real-time operation of the road network.

From the Centre, we can set our variable messaging signs to advise motorists of Operation Stack being implemented and we provide real-time information on the movement of traffic flow to the media via our traffic and travel website or via live updates to key radio stations. In March this year, Operation Stack was in place for 16 days, which added a serious amount of extra pressure to other roads. The TMC was able to keep Maidstone moving by implementing traffic signal plans around the town and by working with the Highways Agency to keep traffic flowing on the diversion routes.

The plan that we use is constantly being updated as we learn new ways to deal with the impact of Operation Stack and we're always looking to improve the way we use our technology to keep Kent moving.



### An engineer

Kent Highway Services carries out a wide range of tasks everyday and that means that we need a wide range of people to carry out those tasks. Some of the areas that we work in are still seen as 'jobs for the boys' but within the Kent Highway Services Alliance, you'll come across both male and female engineers and technical staff.

For example, Vicky Soames is a Senior Professional Engineer working for Jacobs, which is part of the Kent Highway Services Alliance. Since childhood, Vicky has been fascinated by roadworks and how things are built, so she deliberately chose subjects at school that would lead to an engineering course at university.

Vicky successfully completed a MEng degree in Civil Engineering at Loughborough University and started working for Jacobs in 2002, specialising in highway design. However, the learning didn't stop there and Vicky passed her Chartered Professional Review in 2007 to become a Chartered Engineer and a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

When we asked Vicky what her favourite part of the job is, she told us that it's being able to say 'I designed that' and knowing that she's helping to improve people's daily lives.

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| <b>Thanet</b>          | <b>Start</b><br>Current | <b>Finish</b><br>11.8.08 | <b>Road</b><br>Victoria Road, Ramsgate       | <b>Reason</b><br>Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains     |
| <b>Maidstone</b>       | <b>Start</b><br>14.7.08 | <b>Finish</b><br>15.7.08 | <b>Road</b><br>Wheeler Street, Maidstone     | <b>Reason</b><br>Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains     |
| <b>Sevenoaks</b>       | <b>Start</b><br>14.7.08 | <b>Finish</b><br>16.7.08 | <b>Road</b><br>Burlings Land, Knockholt      | <b>Reason</b><br>Road closure - tree removal works            |
|                        |                         | 15.7.08                  | 15.7.08                                      | B2026 Main Road, Knockholt                                    |
| <b>Dover</b>           | <b>Start</b><br>14.7.08 | <b>Finish</b><br>21.7.08 | <b>Road</b><br>A299 Canterbury Road, Minster | <b>Reason</b><br>Road closure - junction works                |
| <b>Tunbridge Wells</b> | <b>Start</b><br>17.7.08 | <b>Finish</b><br>19.7.08 | <b>Road</b><br>Goudhurst Road, Horsmonden    | <b>Reason</b><br>Temporary traffic lights - carriageway works |

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THIS picture was taken by David Walls of Gillingham.

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"I watched for 20 minutes, trying to photographically trap summer traffic heading to Dover and the Continent but it stayed this quiet."

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"Credit crunch, petrol prices or just just over two weeks until the school holidays? I don't know but I'll be back during the first

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Any picture that features cherries, from shots of picking to special dishes, are welcome – the more creative the better.

It is a sad truth that most of the tall and noble cherry trees that once flourished across the land have been grubbed up.

Figures for this decade vary, but one estimate is that the area under orchard in Kent alone has shrunk by massive 85 per cent in the past 50 years.

However, our cherry does have a future – our local growers are producing new varieties that are resilient to our climate, mature quickly and grow on smaller trees, making them easier to harvest.

Help support them in their efforts by getting out there with your camera and capturing your cherry memories.

Making the most of this year's crop, lots of activities are being organised in Kent around British Cherry Day, including rent-a-cherry orchard at Cooks Yard Farm and New House Orchard offering complimentary cherry tastings.

Not forgetting Marks & Spencer

will be hosting a variety of in-store tastings to showcase its range of the British cherries, ultimately encouraging customers to try new and traditional varieties.

For more details of activities in your area and cherry recipes, please log onto [www.foodloversbritain.com](http://www.foodloversbritain.com).

The three winners will receive prizes of Marks & Spencer vouchers and agrees to their photographs being used for publicity purposes. There is no cash alternative.

Closing date for all entries is August 10, 2008

Please send your pictures in with your name, number, email and address on the back to Cherry Picking Competition, KOS Media, Apple Barn Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR, or email your entries to [lyndsay.hopper@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:lyndsay.hopper@kosmedia.co.uk).

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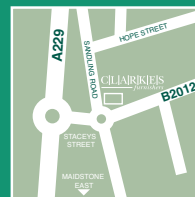


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# Family Matters charity urges KCC to recognise the extent of

By JENNA PUDELEK

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THIS year more than 600 people are expected to seek the support of a charity that provides therapy for victims of sexual abuse and rape.

But Family Matters, which helped 400 adults and children in the county last year, has to rely on charitable grants to provide its essential service.

Malcolm Gilbert, the charity's general manager said: "Kent County Council has failed, as yet, to acknowledge the extent of the problem."

"It is high time it and the statutory services under its mantle understood there are organisations out there capable of dealing with this."

He said provision in Kent was "woefully inadequate", with the charity seeing a 40 per cent increase in the number of children and young people using the service and a waiting list of up to 16 weeks.

## Support

The charity, which is based in Gravesend, was recently commissioned by the London borough councils of Bexley, Bromley, Lewisham and Greenwich to provide therapeutic support for victims of childhood sexual abuse and rape. Mr Gilbert urged KCC to follow their lead.

Previous generations had no language to express their emotions or describe abuse that had happened during childhood, Mr Gilbert said, and he expected a continuing rise in the numbers of people seeking help.

"In recent years we have accepted its existence, but continue to have difficulty accepting the levels of abuse and who is responsible," he said.

"It is blamed on paedophiles, care home workers, priests, but it is in and around the home and, in the main, by family members who are responsible for their welfare. We have all been done a disservice by the promotion of 'stranger danger' – the real danger is in the home."

# 'The danger is closer to home, not strangers'

He said statistics showed that it was fathers who were most likely to abuse their children. Last year, the charity saw 90 people who had been raped, 23 of whom were girls aged between 13 and 16. Recently the charity had counselled girls who had been sexually abused through internet chatrooms.

"They suffer the same issues of shame, feeling tainted and victimhood as those who have been physically abused," he said.

The Government estimates that only one in 800 cases of abuse ever comes to light and that about 21 per cent of girls and 11 per cent of boys have been sexually abused.

"We are pushing back people's perceptions, things need to change and we are on the frontline. KCC has not really grasped the issue," Mr Gilbert, a former policeman turned trained therapist, said.

The effects of sexual abuse are wide reaching, he said, and many of the charity's clients had turned to drugs and alcohol to escape their painful memories. People found it hard to develop lasting relationships, stay in employment and often had suicidal thoughts and self-harmed. Mr Gilbert said a high proportion of the people in prison had been or were being sexually abused.

"It is a massively ignored problem but it is costing KCC's social services and mental health services a fortune," Mr Gilbert said.

People who have had counselling through Family Matters are 82 per cent less likely to self-harm or visualise suicide and 70 per cent said it had reduced their dependency on drink and drugs. Mr Gilbert told the story of a client who had been sexually abused by her grandmother, her father – who introduced her to a paedophile ring – and later by her husband, who also physically assaulted her.

"Slowly an overpowering belief that she was tainted or dirty inside grew with her, which she tried to counter by gargling and bathing with bleach," he said.

He said it was important to help mothers who have been abused in their past to remove the shame from themselves and place it back with the abuser so that it does not affect their relationship with their own children.

## Arrested

Mr Gilbert added that promiscuity is also a problem for children who have been sexualised at a young age and sexual abuse victims are 20 per cent more likely to be arrested for prostitution. Cabinet member for children, families and education Chris Wells said: "We take the issue of sexual abuse extremely seriously. Staff at KCC are trained to respond and investigate any allegation of sexual abuse and to assess what services are required post investigation."

"Some support may be provided by our own staff as part of a plan to protect vulnerable children and adults but we also work closely with our partners in health to provide therapeutic services for anyone who requires support post abuse and we believe that this joint approach is the appropriate way forward."

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# a hidden epidemic of sexual abuse that must be confronted

SUE'S father started sexually abusing her when she was 12 years old, while her mother was in hospital having an operation, *writes Jenna Pudelek.*

She was helped by Family Matters, which is the largest specialist provider of therapy in the country for victims of childhood sexual abuse and rape, and has shared her story in the hope that other people might come forward and seek help.

"It was more or less daily. It was whenever he wanted, sometimes my sister was in the house and I would get called upstairs. But there was nothing I could do, I couldn't scream in case my sister heard," she said.

Sue's sister, who is eight years her junior, escaped the abuse and her mother had no idea of her suffering.

"He told me I was thick and stupid and would not amount to anything," she said. "He said no-one would want me and that if I told, no-one would believe me, I would be disowned and would not see my mum or sister again."

## 'Silly tiff' unearthed years of suffering

The assaults continued until she was 17 and became engaged to the man who is now her husband.

"When I started courting that was another part [of the abuse], I would get 'checked' when I came home to see if I had been getting up to anything. It was jealousy," Sue, now 47, said.

She finally disclosed the years of sexual abuse she had suffered during an argument with her boyfriend.

"We had a silly tiff and I just blurted it out in the middle of the street. I jumped on a bus thinking he is never going to want to see me

again," she said. "I know it is hard to tell someone, but that silly argument saved me."

He took Sue to the police station where she reported the abuse. It was both a relief and an ordeal to tell someone who believed her, but she also had to relive the horrendous assaults.

The couple, who live in Gravesend, have been married 29 years and have three sons.

Her father was sent to prison for nine months after finally pleading guilty to the charges, but her mother stayed with him, for the sake of her sister, despite what he had done to Sue.

As far as she knows she is the only child to have been abused by him, Sue said.

But her life was tainted by his actions. Pregnancy can often affect people who have been abused because women lose control of their own bodies again.

"I had lovely pregnancies until I was eight months. I did not want to know the sex because I dreaded it being a girl - I feared she would be abused like me," she said.

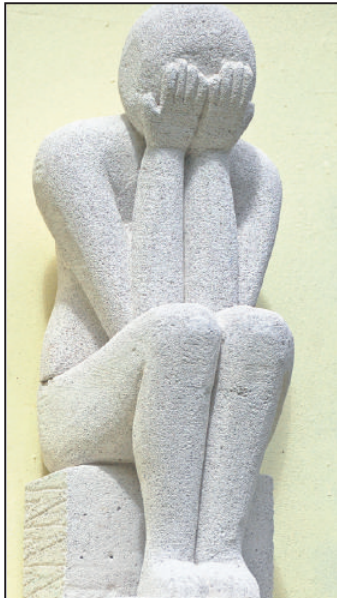
She also has understandable issues with sex, although she said things have been a lot better since she had counselling.

"Memories can come back, something silly triggers it off," she said.

"I used not to be able to watch any programmes with rape, but now it is different and I read all sorts of books. It is a need to know what other people have been through."

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SO POIGNANT: Sculptor John Exell's It's a Crying Shame at Family Matters

## An eloquent statement of support for all victims

A STATUE highlighting the plight of rape and sexual abuse victims has been unveiled at the Gravesend-based charity Family Matters.

The ceremony marked the first year of a successful partnership between the charity, Kent police and Darent Valley Hospital's sexual abuse referral centre, which provides therapeutic intervention, quality care and sensitive investigation and support.

Lyndsay Gittus, the Home Office's lead official on sexual violence policy, unveiled the statue, titled It's a Crying Shame. The work was created by Crayford sculptor John Exell.

Mary Trevillion, the charity's clinical director, said: "It speaks with poignancy and beauty in a way that only art can by encapsulating the plight of the survivors so accurately that it eloquently says what the survivors dare not."

Ms Gittus spoke to an audience at Gravesend Civic Centre about the impact of rape and sexual abuse and the work the Government is doing to provide support.

Charity general manager Malcolm Gilbert said: "Central government has put sexual abuse and rape on the map through research, policy and statute."

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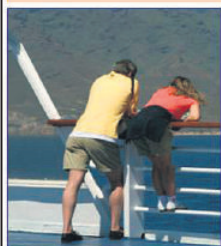


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# People traffickers protected by fear

## Police hope to encourage victims to speak out

WOMEN who have been forced into prostitution by people traffickers are too afraid to speak out against their captors, one of the county's most senior police officers has revealed.

Across the country, 167 victims of people trafficking, including 13 children, were rescued as part of a major crackdown led by the Home Office and the Association of Chief Police Officers.

Kent Police were among 55 forces involved in the operation, Pentameter 2, and 50 people were arrested in the county for offences including managing of a brothel, conspiracy to traffic women for the sex trade, and immigration offences. But at the 50 premises raided no women were rescued.

Assistant Chief Constable Allyn Thomas said: "While no victims were identified during this period of the campaign, it is important to remember that this does not mean they were not in fact victims of human trafficking."

"Victims often find it difficult to speak to authorities through fear of retribution towards themselves or their families in their country of origin by the organised crime group that controls them."

"On many occasions the organised crime

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group will also ensure the victims believe the UK authorities are not to be trusted. This makes it very difficult for officers to gain their trust and for us and our partner agencies to help them out of what can be a horrendous situation."

Victims are often deceived into becoming prostitutes and can be kidnapped, falsely imprisoned and raped, he said.

Police were unable to say how many victims had been found but were too scared to speak out because it could lead to them being identified by traffickers.

### Retribution

Vernon Coaker, the Home Office minister, said tackling victims' fear of retribution was one of the main problems facing police across the country. He said the Home Office was working with the non-governmental organisations that help the women, to encourage victims to come forward and assist police.

Victims were found in premises including suburban homes, massage parlours and nail bars and were mostly from China, south east Asia and Eastern Europe. But when the

results of the investigation were unveiled, Mr Coaker revealed that teenage girls born in Britain were being "internally trafficked" for sexual exploitation.

A spokeswoman for Kent Police said: "We have UK nationals working as prostitutes in Kent but it is not something we have identified in relation to people trafficking."

Human trafficking is second only to the arms trade in illegal global industry, police said.

An inquiry into organised crime by the Home Affairs Committee cited Kent Police as one of the three top forces dealing with the issue.

ACC Thomas added: "While the main objective of this campaign was to identify and rescue victims of trafficking, we are continuously working to make sure those organised crime groups who are at the centre of this activity are repeatedly targeted."

"We must make certain that Kent remains a hostile environment for their criminal activity. We will not only put them before the courts but will seize any money or assets they make through this trade to ensure they do not profit from their criminality."

"Kent Police will not tolerate this unacceptable and inhumane treatment of vulnerable people and will bring those responsible to justice."

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# Kent home of scientist celebrates anniversary and prepares World Heritage bid

## Celebrating Darwin's genius

By **CHRIS MURPHY**  
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**STAFF** at the former home of Charles Darwin, famed as the father of the theory of evolution, are preparing a series of events to mark a special anniversary.

Last week saw the 150th anniversary of the publication of Darwin's revolutionary book that changed forever our view of man's place in the natural world.

Darwin wrote *On the Origin of Species* by Means of Natural Selection at Down House, in the village of Downe, near Bromley.

Before the book's publication, creationism was the orthodox view supported by religious faith. Even today there are schools in the United States which shun Darwin's theory that mankind evolved, believing instead the Biblical story of God placing Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

The naturalist compiled the notes, specimens and evidence that would support his book during a five-year voyage aboard HMS Beagle which took in the Galapagos Islands. It was here that the evolutionary brainstorm hit him. But it was a tortuous 14 years before the *Origin of Species* was published – until then it was kept in a cupboard under the stairs at Down House, with instructions to his wife to



**HOME AT LAST:** Down House was where Charles Darwin formulated his theory of evolution in the years after his epic voyage aboard HMS Beagle

only reveal it when he died. He feared being branded a heretic by the Church.

But when rival naturalist Alfred Wallace was struck down by malaria and began to ponder the consequences of only the fittest surviving, Darwin finally went to print. He felt his hand had been forced, but he was prepared to face the consequences of his radical thinking. His former teacher wrote to Darwin, call-

ing the book "utterly false and grievously mischievous".

Although Darwin, a father of 10 who trained to be a priest, didn't actually touch on it, one review called it "men from monkeys" and the idea stuck.

When Darwin died in April 1882 he received a state funeral and was buried at Westminster Abbey. His image adorns the English £10 note.

Alister Hayes, the World Heritage Site manager at Bromley council, said he was confident he could gain World Heritage sta-

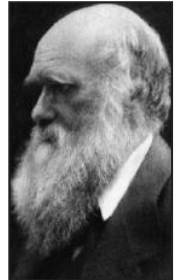
tus for Down House. The house remains much as it was when Darwin lived there. The rooms on the ground floor have been furnished to reflect the domestic life of the family, while the study holds his writing desk, chair and objects connected with his work.

English Heritage has restored the gardens to their appearance in Darwin's time. Some of his outdoor experiments on natural selection are recreated in the garden and the greenhouse, with its orchids and carnivorous plants. The observation beehive enables visitors to watch bees at work making honeycombs, just as Darwin did.

Visitors can also stroll on the famous Sandwalk, the path Darwin paced as he worked out his ideas.

Mr Hayes said: "It has been a museum since 1929. Just one site from each country can go forward each year for consideration to become a World Heritage site and we have secured Down House as ours for January, when it will be considered by Unesco.

"This is an important site on the world stage and it thoroughly deserves this status."



**RADICAL:** Charles Darwin in later life



**QUIET LIFE:** Darwin would recognise his study today

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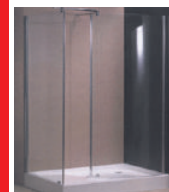
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# Culling baits badger dispute



**HILARY BENN:**  
Not convinced

AN ANIMAL conservation group has welcomed a Government decision to shelve plans for wide-spread badger culls.

It is feared the animals spread bovine tuberculosis, but the Wildwood Trust at Herne Common, near Canterbury, said there is little risk to farmers' cattle and welcomed the news that a massive national cull was no longer on the cards.

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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Environment Secretary Hilary Benn said instead £20 million would be spent developing vaccines for cattle and badgers. "I have decided that while such a cull might work, it might also not work," he said.

"It could end up making the disease worse if it was not sustained over time or delivered effectively. "And public opposition, including

the unwillingness of some landowners to take part, would render this more difficult. I do not think it would be right to take this risk." The decision was good news according to Peter Smith, chief executive of the Wildwood Trust.

He said: "It is infuriating that the subject of culling keeps coming up. All the evidence indicates that badgers are not responsible for the spread of bovine TB, yet farmers still blame these animals for the problem."

He said the Government's own independent scientific findings broadly confirmed what the Wildwood Trust and conservationists such as Sir David Attenborough had always said – that culling badgers would not control TB in cattle.

Mr Smith added: "The independent research focused efforts to control bovine TB on the real issues such as cattle density on farms and the practice of moving millions of cows around the country for short-term economic gain. I have great sympathy for individual farmers who lose their livelihood due to TB, but it is deplorable to use the lives of badgers as a weapon to get the taxpayer to pay for the failings of the cattle industry."

He said most TB is spread by 14 million movements of cattle in Britain each year.

But National Farmers' Union president Peter Kendall said the decision would be challenged in the



**NOT GUILTY:** Conservationists say research indicates that badgers are not the main cause of TB in cattle

courts. He said: "This is a disgraceful abdication of responsibility by Hilary Benn. To admit that a cull might work, and then push the already crippling burden of TB controls further onto the farming industry is just plain wrong."

"It is ridiculous to expect farmers to continue fighting TB with one hand tied behind their back."

"At a time when we have the Prime Minister telling the public not to waste food, it is astonishing that the Government is prepared to continue to preside over the needless waste of tens of thousands of productive cattle."



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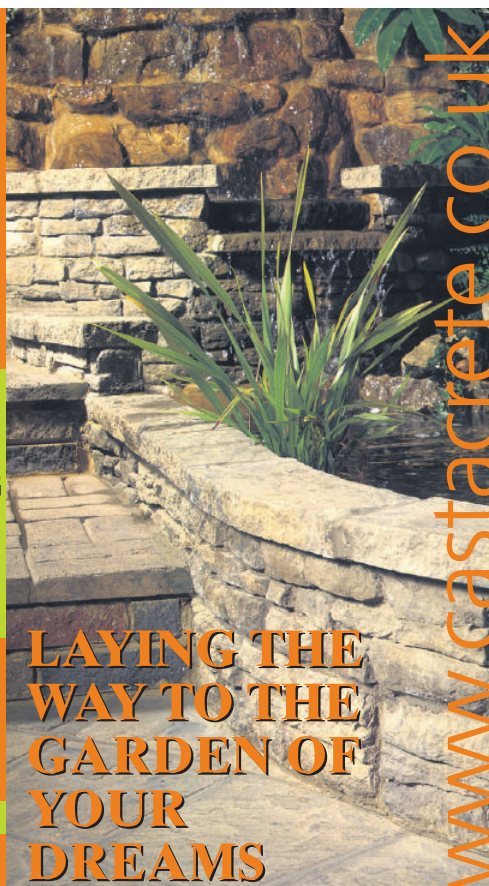
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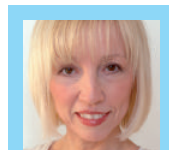






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# Beast sellers

## Writing trio making a monster effort

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

jenna.pudelek@kosmedia.co.uk

THREE childhood friends who gave up careers in publishing to write an adventure series for children are celebrating after their books hit shop shelves across the country.

The authors known as the Beastly Boys, aka Guy Macdonald, Matthew Morgan and David Sinden, from Sevenoaks, have co-written two books so far in the series *An Awfully Beastly Business*.

After five years developing the series, success looks to be around the corner with the first two books already translated into 17 different languages and in the lucrative positions of book of the week at Tesco's and book of the month at Waterstone's.

Mr Macdonald spoke to KOS Media about the inspiration behind the books, he said: "They sprang from a love of beasts and exciting adventure stories."

The authors let their imaginations run wild for the series based around the work of the Royal Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Beasts (RSPCB), which has a rescue centre and works to preserve endangered fantastical creatures such as werewolves, dragons and fairies.

An orphaned werewolf boy, called Ulf, is the hero along with a vet who flies a helicopter and is described by Mr Macdonald as a "cross between Lara Croft and a crypto zoologist", a gargoyle, a giant and a fairy.

The Beastly Boys, who are all in their early 30s, wanted to combine fast-paced adventure able to compete with DVDs and computer games with a sense of environmental responsibility and their own concerns for rare and endangered animals.

Mr Macdonald, who grew up in a converted funeral parlour and has always loved ghost stories, said: "As boys we all loved beasts. We imagined beasts like dragons, werewolves and trolls in the real world living alongside humans."

"What if they lived in the wild in jungles or deep within compost heaps and needed help conserving their habitats?"

He said the unique selling point of the series was its "veterinary approach" to fantasy, he said: "There is no magic wand. The reader sees where they live, how they behave in the wild, what they eat."

"Beasts have changed in our imaginations from scary, what if they eat you, to what if you destroy their woods. There is an environmental concern for the welfare of endangered animals. There is a message of care and conservation – a love of wildlife."

Asked how the authors worked together, Mr Macdonald said: "We share an understanding of the books and how it will go."

"We are quite different as people, for example Dave's background is in art so his role is to keep the stories visual. Matt is a lover of adventure stories and makes sure they are pacey, exciting and do not let up from the first to the last page."

"I'm more interested in character and making sure they are being themselves."

Mr Sinden grew up on a smallholding and spent much of his idyllic-sounding childhood fishing and rearing animals including sheep, dogs, ducks and geese. He wanted to be an RSPCB officer when he was young but ended up studying fine art at Central St Martin's College in London.

Along with Mr Morgan, who grew up in a large country house, St Julians near Sevenoaks, and inspired Faraway Hall the headquarters of the RSPCB, he writes



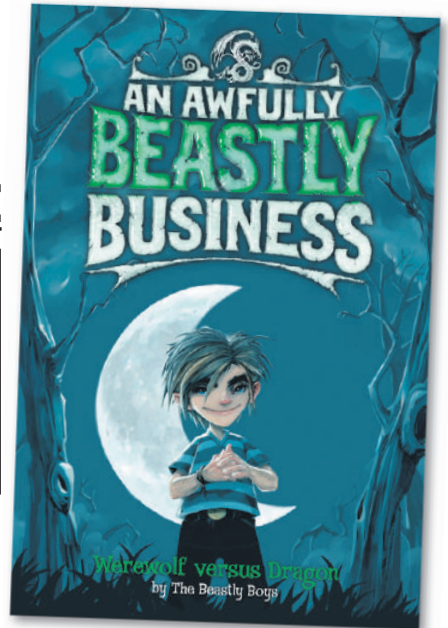
**BEASTLY BOYS:** David Sinden, Matthew Morgan, Guy Macdonald, authors of the *An Awfully Beastly Business* series

the children's series *Yuck*.

Mr Macdonald said each book focused on a different beast and tackled topical issues such as dragon fighting

and troll hunting.

The books, published by Simon and Schuster Ltd, cost £6.99 and are now available in books stores and Amazon.



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# KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

## Protect warders

ASSAULTS on UK prison officers have rocketed in recent years.

The Tories say the highest levels of attacks are in the busiest jails and claim there is a link between overcrowding and rising violence.

In Kent, although the number is not on the rise, there have still been 500 assaults in last five years in the county's jails.

The Prison Officers' Association is rightly concerned about the attacks on its warders.

Glyn Travis, assistant general secretary of the union, has called for more to be done to protect staff, as well as prisoners.

Given the fact that many prisoners have been locked up for violent crimes, it is perhaps not surprising that staff are at risk of being attacked. However, the scale of the problem is still shocking.

Across the UK, warders were assaulted 2,916 times last year – a rise of 15 per cent in just four years. The Government must act to ensure warders are given better protection.

If the root cause is overcrowding, ministers need to hurry up and find a way of easing the burden on our jails.

Building more could be the answer.

## Give Andy a ring

GOLLUM is one of the most memorable characters ever to grace the silver screen.

British actor Andy Serkis played the creature brilliantly in *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. And in today's Kent on Sunday he reveals how much he'd love to reprise the role in the new film being made of *Rings* prequel *The Hobbit*.

The team making the film should get on the phone and sign him up without delay.

## OPINION:

## Young American's view

### On a recent visit to our shores, US student MEGHAN McKEIG was shocked by the UK drinking culture



I AM a 21-year-old college student from America visiting England for a few weeks during my summer holiday.

During my stay in this wonderful country I have noticed many differences between the two nations, but one in particular has really stood out – the drinking culture.

America's drinking culture is one which is focused mainly on the college generation. My fellow university students go to bars or parties only at the weekend, but in England drinking seems to be an everyday occurrence and a big part of the culture.

The drinking ages in America and England are different. In America the drinking age is 21, compared with 18 here. I suspect the legal drinking age could have something to do with the strong drinking culture in this country.

Of course there are Americans under the age of 21 who drink, but they don't usually start until they are in their last year of high school and in the first few years of their university experience.

It is much harder to get alcohol in the States because the drinking laws are strictly enforced and anyone under age who is caught drinking is penalised.

Scotland's government is trying to raise the age from 18 to 21 for buying alcohol. If this law is passed, 18-year-olds will still be able to drink in pubs or bars, but will not be able to buy alcohol from supermarkets and off-licences.

This seems to be a confusing idea that needs to be reconsidered. The law should state the drinking age in Scotland is 21. Period.

In America, anyone caught drinking under age can expect a trip to the cells. If that is not enough they are fined and sometimes may even be prosecuted.

If an individual is caught drinking under-age on campus at university they are given a fine and brought to the student court to decide their punishment.

That means appearing before a jury usually made up of pre-law students and a judge – normally a member of the faculty – and the university dean is almost always present.

Usually universities adopt the three strikes and you are out approach, meaning that if a student has been warned three times for the same offence they are expelled or forced to take a year off from the university.

Worst of all is when an under-age individual is caught drinking

and driving. They will be put in jail immediately, their licence will be revoked for more than a year and they will be punished in a court of law.

The American authorities, and the public in general, take under-age drinking or drinking and driving very seriously and the scare tactics seem to have worked during recent years.

When I have visited pubs in England I have not been asked for any ID to prove I am 18 or over, whereas in America, anytime I order an alcoholic beverage I can expect to be asked to prove my age. The rules just don't seem to be as strictly enforced over here.

I believe by raising the drinking age in England to 21 many people would benefit. I also feel the police and the Government should be more pro-active in enforcing under-age drinking laws in this country.

For example, more people should be asked for their ID if they look under the age of 30.

And before you start berating this young American upstart for overstepping the mark, I am not alone.

A BBC opinion poll at the end of last year revealed that 51 per cent of people feel England's drinking age should be raised from 18 to 21.

I am not saying everyone in England into alcohol in a big way, but my experience has been that most socialising in this country is centred around drinking.

For example, I went to a pub for a traditional Sunday roast and was astonished to see people drinking at 11am. In America, if we drink before 5pm – our standard cocktail hour – we say, "it's 5 o'clock somewhere!" to make as an excuse so not to be thought of as inappropriate or an alcoholic.

From my experience, drinking is frowned upon most of the time in America, except for the occasional glass of wine or beer, whereas in England it seems to be celebrated and made into a social event.

Maybe it is time to change the drinking culture in England by adopting American drinking laws.

• *Meghan McKeig is studying journalism at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.*

**'I visited a pub for a traditional Sunday roast and was astonished to see people drinking as early as 11am'**



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## Let's have the evidence

Peter Read is to be congratulated for his clear and logical exposé of the fallacious use of league tables in Kent (page 21, last week).

It is a pity that politicians – and some of your correspondents – seem unable to understand simple logic.

Sid Holland's letter is typical. Using nothing more than these dubious league table figures, he ascribes Kent's failings in education – if they exist, which I doubt – solely to selection. Strange logic! Until the "five Cs or better" criterion is applied to the whole pupil population across the county, I will draw my own conclusions.

Mr Holland is entitled to his opinions, but I find his comment on "second-class" education offensive. Having spent my entire career teaching in such "second-class" schools, I challenge Mr Holland to define what he means by second class, and provide evidence to back it up. Some hope!

Dave Stewart  
Deal

## A change of leadership

Correspondent S May of Deal really got to the heart of what many of us feel.

I am pleased Tony Blair did not succeed in his ambition to become prime minister of Europe and fervently hope Gordon Brown does not achieve dictatorship!

I wonder why we in the West pump billions in aid into Africa when all they seem to do is kill and mutilate each other in vicious wars, instead of working hard and planting crops, thereby alleviating the need for handouts.

I also wonder why our Government has not been more critical of Zimbabwean dictator Robert Mugabe, but considering its track record of allowances and perks for politicians and huge bonuses for civil servants, maybe solidarity with officials clinging to power has to be maintained.

Hopefully a change of government would result in better home and foreign policies.

Michael E Walder  
Maidstone

# Rail planners sorely lacking imagination

Rail minister Tom Harris says fares in Kent are being increased to reflect investment (KoS Media, last week).

You rightly point out rail fares that favour London rather than Kent as an alternative explanation.

But perhaps fare increases could be lower if rail managers, and in particular their civil service masters, looked to use investments more effectively.

The high-speed line through Kent is grossly under-used. Domestic rail services will not be introduced until two years after Eurostar trains started running to St Pancras. The result is that track, signalling and stations which are ready today are failing to generate income.

Priority is being given elsewhere on the rail network to the removal of bottlenecks that reduce capacity. Yet the Channel Tunnel rail link is being opened with a

brand new choke-point between Ebbsfleet and Stratford. The line between Ebbsfleet and Ashford can never be fully used until a further, and much-needed, route is built between the Medway towns and London.

There appears to be little interest in generating new rail passenger traffic in the area around the Channel Tunnel.

How about regional trains between Canterbury, Ashford, Calais and Lille? In addition, airport feeder services to Lille or Charles de Gaulle in Paris could compare favourably with east Kent's inadequate rail links to Gatwick and Heathrow.

More investment than one high-speed line is essential to address the problems of Kent's overcrowded railways. The money needs to be raised by more imaginative means than above-inflation fare increases.

Frederic Stansfield  
Canterbury

## Limits set by Nimbys

KCC's weekly information page in your paper states in one item: "Speed limits – why all roads are not the same".

This is true, but it could also have stated that the same road could have many 'safe' speeds, depending on conditions. A fact that is not accepted by the speed camera lobby. If when driving your speedometer broke,

would you then drive dangerously? You might drive over the legal limit, but most people would carry on driving safely to prevailing road conditions. Some might argue that the number on the sign is the maximum safe speed, but this is not a 'target' and we are trusted to drive at a safe speed up to the legal limit, by exercising that judgment and rolling over the speed limit, is that so dangerous? Most speed limits are requested and set by local councils to satisfy Nimbys, so

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Terry Hudson  
Herne Bay

## A tale of two batsmen

Many column inches have been written about this week's heroics by Kent batsman Martin van Jaarsveldt – and justly so.

Let us not forget, however, the heroics of the late Arthur Fagg, who, on July 15, 1938, became the first person to score a double century in both innings of a first class match, with 244 runs in the first innings and 202 not out in the second, against Essex at Colchester. Arthur who was born at Chartham, near Canterbury, also played for England and was later a top umpire.

David Line  
Ashford

## Such a friendly place

The people of Dover are not only friendly, but hospitable as well. I know, because I have experienced it myself.

On the morning of Sunday, June 15, my wife and I disembarked from the cruise ship MSC Armonia to go sightseeing. Buses were waiting to drive to the castle, the town centre and back to the ship. In town we visited the beautiful Church of St Mary the Virgin. Two ladies were there preparing the church for a ceremony. Souvenirs and a visitors' guide were on sale, but I only had euro banknotes. One lady saw my disappointment and said I could have a guide for free. I thanked her very much.

That was pleasant encounter number one, but there is more. In Biggin Street there is a WHSmith store where picture postcards are sold. I wanted to buy Dover cards featuring the castle, town and White Cliffs for my souvenir album. I picked five, but the cashier refused my euros. Only pounds, he said. I said

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Freya Winifred Megan born on 11th June 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital. Daughter to James and Katrina of Great Chart, sister to Ben and Sophie.

### APPLETON

Steven and Louise of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Wilson Robert Appleton, on 1st July 2008.

### AUSTIN

Lauren Andrews and Simon Austin celebrate the birth of their son Jack Simon Austin born on 21st June 2008, weighing 7lb 15oz.

### AXFORD

Michael Lawrence born on 30th June 2008, weighing 5lb 10oz. Son to Bex Axford of Maidstone.

### BUCKLE

Shaylee Marie Demi Buckle born on the 24th June 2008, weighing 7lb. Daughter to Samantha Buckle in Dover.

### CARNE

Phil and Denise Carne of Tonbridge Wells are delighted to announce the birth of their son Arthur Philip Francis Carne born 24th June 2008 weighing 7lb 4oz.

## CHRISTIAN

Richard and Marie of Temple Ewell are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Jack Christian, on 27th June 2008.

## DAVEY/FOSKETT

Isabella Evie Rose born on 10th June 2008, weighing 6lb 8oz. Daughter to Zoe and Simon in Weaving.

## DAVIS

George and Debbie celebrate the birth of their son George William Mansell Davis born on the 4th July 2008.

## DAVISON

Christopher and Ruth of Ickham are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Isabelle Gillian Carol Davison, on 19th June 2008 weighing 7lb 7oz.

## DODDS

Philip and Loren of Herne Bay are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Finlay William Edward Dodds, on 5th July 2008 weighing 8lb 13oz. A new brother for Leo.

## DONOVAN

Richard Donovan and Hayley Kennett of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their son, Leo Alfred, on 7th June 2008.

## EARDLEY

David and Alison of Faversham would like to introduce their new son, Zak Maximus Eardley, born at home on 23rd June 2008. Lots of love Mummy, Daddy and big sister Jemima.

## FISHER

Tim and Lisa of Herne Bay are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Summer Fisher, on 2nd July 2008 weighing 9lb 6oz. A new sister for Charlie.

## GARLAND

Eva Sarah Alessandra born on 11th June 2008, weighing 8lbs 3oz. Daughter to Steve and Sarah of Great Chart, sister for Tiffany and James.

## GEDGE

Poppy would like to announce the birth of her baby sister Lucia Ruby Gedge on 29th June 2008 at home in Maidstone, weighing 7lb 14oz. Chris and Laina are our proud parents.

## HAMILTON

Mike and Jane Hamilton of Staplehurst are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby daughter Grace Elizabeth Hamilton born 16th June 2008 weighing 6lb 4oz.

## HORNSEY

To Jamie and Lauren of Canterbury, a son, Maddox David Jamie Hornsey, born on 2nd July 2008. A new baby brother for Atlanta.

## IRWIN

Jemma and Daniel are delighted to announce the birth of their son Teddy born on 1st July 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital.

## KELLY

Sam and Nick of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Mia Rose Emily, born on 2 July 2008 at QEQM. Mummy and Daddy's special little angel.

## KEMP

Darren and Miranda of Chestfield are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Dylan Finlay Kemp, on 27th June 2008 weighing 8lb 10½oz.

## LEWIS

Adam and Charlotte of Herne Bay are proud to announce the birth of their new baby daughter, Lacey Charlotte Lewis, on 25th June 2008 weighing 8lb 10z.

## LUCK

Marc and Alison are pleased to announce the arrival of Madison Louise Luck born on 10th June 2008 weighing 6lb 3oz. A lovely little sister for Lauren and Milly.

## MARTIN

Jason and Clare of Whitstable are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Vaughan Raynor Kenneth Nicholas, on 29th June 2008. A new brother for Jason.

## MILES

Leila Grace born on 1st July 2008 to proud parents George and Magdalena of Sevenoaks weighing 8lb.

## MONEY NORIEGA

Richard and Dhayana of Leybourne celebrate the birth of their daughter Charlotte Rhiana on Summer on 20th June 2008.

## MOORE

Millie born on 26th June 2008, weighing 7lb 9oz. Daughter to Sara and Craig Moore in Maidstone.

## MOY

Neal and Tina Moy of Leybourne are the proud parents of Freya Hanna Moy born on 27th June 2008, weighing 8lb 12oz. Little sister to Nicole.

## NICHOLLS

Katie and Timothy of Nicholls of Margate celebrate the birth of their son Reggie James Nicholls on 1st July 2008.

## ORCHARD

Daniel and Caroline of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Tyler George Anthony Orchard, on 2nd July 2008. A new brother for Taylor.

## PHILLIPS

Tim and Emma of Herne Bay are proud to announce the safe arrival of Harry, on 1st June 2008. A new baby brother for Jack.

## POLLARD

Doris Pollard of Larkfield formerly of Borough Green. Passed away peacefully 3rd July 2008 aged 82 years. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Larkfield at 2:00 pm 15th July and then afterwards at Vinters Park Crematorium at 2:45pm.

## SEAL

Jon and Kelly are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Emily Alice on 25th June 2008 weighing 8lb 13oz

## WALTERS

James and Erica Walters of Sevenoaks proudly announce the birth of their son William James Montgomery Walters born 16th June 2008 weighing 7lb 3oz.

## WENHAM- COULDRIDGE

David and Joann of Tonbridge are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Jasmine Victoria Wenham-Couldridge born 19th June 2008 weighing 7lb 15oz.

## WOOD

David Wood and Katie Rye celebrate the birth of their daughter Lucy Moira born 21st June 2008. Beautiful sister to Cameron and Jessica.

## DEATHS

### BURREN

Patricia Brenda Burren of Whitstable sadly passed away on 6th July 2008. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. The funeral is to take place at Barham Crematorium on Friday 25th July at 12pm. Family flowers only but if desired donations to The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury.

### COPPINS

Gweneth Ellen passed away suddenly at the William Harvey Hospital on 25th June 2008 after a short illness. Will be sadly missed by her husband Len, daughter Sheila and all her family and friends.

### EMERY

Marjorie Emery (nee Madge Odden) formerly of Herne Bay passed away after a short illness on 6th July 2008 aged 90yrs. Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium at 2:40pm on 16th July 2008. Intrepid traveller inspirational teacher loving mum and friend.

### FOX

Vivienne Ann Fox passed away on 7th July 2008 aged 59 years. She will be very sadly missed by all her family and all who knew her. The funeral is to be held at Barham Crematorium on July 14th at 10am. It was Vivienne's wish that anyone attending should wear a bright colour.

### KING

Mike King passed away peacefully on 30th June 2008 at 2:15am after a short illness.

## LOCK

George Daniel Lock passed away 7th July 2008. He will be sorely missed by all his family and friends. A loved husband, father and grandfather that has not gone and never will be forgotten and always in our thoughts. Funeral enquiries to Bexley Funeral Services Bexley.

## MARCHANT

George died peacefully at the Kent and Sussex Hospital on Sunday 6th July 2008. For funeral details please contact Perigee Funeral Directors 01580 713636.

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## STANSFIELD

Dorothy Alice. Suddenly but peacefully at home in Canterbury on 30th June 2008 aged 94. A much loved mother and grandmother who will be greatly missed. The funeral was held on 11th July 2008.

## VAN ORSOUW

Sylvia Margaret Van Orsouw of Canterbury passed away peacefully after bravely battling a short illness. A loving mum to Annie, Charlotte and Mandy and much loved Nanny to Simon and Daniel. She will be very sadly missed by all who knew her. The family would like to express their thanks for all support and comfort they have received during such a sad time. All funeral enquiries to Lyons, Military Road, Canterbury.

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he could keep the change from my euros, but he was not to be persuaded.

"How much is it?" a woman in the queue behind me asked the cashier.

"One pound," he replied.

"I will pay," she said, and handed him a pound. I thanked the lady and tried to persuade her to accept my euro note. I tried three times, all in vain.

"You are a visitor," she said.

So now you can understand why I love the people of Kent and especially Dover.

Bert van Eijk  
Groningen  
The Netherlands

## I'm proud of our young

The youth of our country get a very hostile reception from the media which is quite often unjustified.

So how nice it was to attend the Try Angle Awards in Chatham to see what exceptionally brilliant young people we have in Medway. The awards celebrated everything from overcoming adversity to sport and the arts. The ceremony was organised by Medway Youth Parliament and other youth groups from Medway.

The entertainment featured a diversity of young people – from singers to dancers and musicians – and it was a great evening.

I am proud of the real youth of Medway and hope the media will highlight such events and give a more positive attitude to our future. Well done to everyone involved.

Keith Clear

## Oil shock opportunity

Petrol and diesel consumption in the UK has dropped by a fifth in a year. Two-thirds of motorists have cut their journeys. Rail and bus use is increasing rapidly.

Current oil prices, now more than \$140 a barrel, are pushing transport costs up quickly.

For Kent, with large rural areas and uneven and costly public transport, it has never been more desirable to try to move people and freight without using oil. People are to be congratulated on reducing their dependence on the car. However, the Government could help them do more. If the 2p increase in fuel tax duty due this autumn was spent on reducing

fares on public transport, then even more journeys would be switched to public transport. Reducing traffic makes walking and cycling more pleasant and reduces pollution.

However, while we can all welcome cuts in traffic, we also have to recognise 22 per cent of households in Kent do not have access to a car.

More than 60 per cent of those in work in Kent are still using a car to get to work. To help people deal with higher energy bills, councils need to encourage general use of green travel plans to help people to keep household bills for petrol and diesel down.

County councillors should show a lead, since only one of them is claiming more for public transport use than for car use.

'Park and rail' using one of Kent's 99 railway stations needs to be encouraged. A higher priority must be given to extending Kent's small 490km cycle network. East Kent has a relatively dense cycle network, but west Kent has few cycle paths.

It is still the case that about 15 out of every 100 cars in the rush hour are ferrying children to school. Walking and cycling are much better for developing the health of our children.

Dr Hazel Dawe  
Kent Green Party  
Tonbridge

## Caring and sharing

While many of us might be happy to share gossip in the pub or at the office water-cooler, we still seem to live up to the tight-lipped stereotype when it comes to personal matters.

A recent survey by international development charity Send a Cow, which we volunteer for, suggests that Brits are among the least generous in the world when it comes to passing on pearls of wisdom.

One in three (28 per cent) say they have never passed on the single best piece of advice they've ever received to anyone – not even their nearest and dearest.

The survey findings seem to highlight a breakdown in community spirit in the UK. As we've learnt through our work with Send a Cow, in stark contrast, people in Africa pass on advice, knowledge and skills learned through Send a Cow's development schemes to an average of 10 others.

When other Send a Cow volunteers visited Africa and asked farmers for their pearls of wisdom, responses were almost all do to with helping others and their community, such as

"when I have all this knowledge, I must share and care", and "be hard-working, respect elders and have love for people".

In the UK, the most popular pieces of advice tended to focus on becoming a more successful or happy individual. Quotes like "live for the day", "life's too short" or "be true to yourself" featured heavily.

In the wake of the credit crisis and strains on the family budget, now more than ever we need to support each other and give what we can – whether it's time, advice or just an available ear. Through Send a Cow's programmes of passing on knowledge and support, each individual effort has led to many others benefiting and people getting a helping hand out of poverty – something we can all learn from.

Chris and Sue Elliott  
Regional Ambassadors, Send a Cow  
Broadstairs

## Destination Normandy

Readers might be interested in a fundraising campaign on behalf of the Normandy Veterans' Association (NVA) under way throughout Kent.

Friends of the NVA hope to raise £16,000 to sponsor the 40 veterans in the South East who wish to return to Normandy for the 65th anniversary next year.

Since the 60th anniversary, many Normandy veterans have died or are now simply too frail to travel. It is estimated, however, that 1,000 veterans in the UK are going to make a huge effort to be in France next year.

Realistically, 2009 is likely to be the last time the Normandy veterans will travel in significant numbers. They will tell how important it is to them, not only to meet up with old comrades, but to pay their respects to those that did not make it home. The cost for each veteran is estimated at £400.

Canadian and US veterans receive grants to travel. Unfortunately ours do not and for many it is financially out of reach. We are facing the situation of having veterans of other nations in large numbers and our own remaining at home. We would like to ask your readers to help in one of three ways:

- Donate any amount, made payable to the Normandy Veterans' Association.
- Organise a fundraising event.
- Donate an item or service to be auctioned at a fundraising event NVA would organise.

We are also keen to get schools involved in a history project/fundraising campaign and would like to hear from anyone interested.

Mary Mills-Brown  
Friends of the NVA  
22 Shipbourne Road  
Tonbridge TN10 3DN  
marymillsbrown@googlemail.com

## Typical Tory tactics

Kent County Council knows it is vulnerable to criticism over the poor GCSE results in many of its secondary modern schools.

What does an astute politician do in such circumstances to distract the public from its difficulties? Listen to Cllr Chris Wells, Conservative member for education and you learn the technique. First tactic, distort what your critic is saying. The Minister for Education has said that although progress has been made, there are still too many schools, 19 in Kent for example, where the likely outcomes at 16 are not good enough and need to improve.

Cllr Wells distorts this into an attack on individual pupils, teachers and schools, and then is surprised that people react.

Second tactic, attack the messenger. Kent has known it is in this position for many years. Kent Conservatives allow the distortions caused by selection to continue, without taking any action, to compensate the majority of pupils who find themselves in secondary modern schools. Instead, they quote statistics that appear to show that 'overall' results are comparable. This ignores the situation where currently, many parents have no choice but to send their child to a school that has low attainment results.

This is scandalous and does not mean teachers are not doing brilliantly with the resources available – sometimes the value added results are among the highest across the county. Surely Kent owes it to parents and children to deploy resources so whatever school a child attends, he or she should have the best chance of achieving good results. Currently, this is measured as five GCSE A-C grades, including maths and English.

The Government's Children's Plan sets out that by 2020 at least 90 per cent of children will achieve the equivalent of five higher level GCSEs by age 19.

National Challenge, the programme that Cllr Wells dislikes so much, is an important



step on the way towards this – to meet the goal that in every secondary school, at least 30 per cent of pupils will achieve five good GCSEs by 2011.

In 1997 there were 1,610 schools below this 30 per cent minimum standard. Today there are 638. The National Challenge sets out how we will reduce this number to zero.

Ed Balls has said the Government will double the cash previously announced in the Budget to £400m to help local authorities and schools achieve this target.

This extra funding could mean that up to 70 National Challenge schools could be converted into academies over and above existing plans, and that up to 120 new trust schools could be created. This 120 could include 70 National Challenge trusts, where a school links with another high-performing school, as well as an external partner such as a university or business.

To kick-start the National Challenge, Mr Balls asked local authorities to set out, by the end of the school summer term, individual action plans for how they will transform results in each National Challenge school from now until 2011.

Mr Wells would be better employed just getting on with his job instead of playing politics with our children's education.

*Cllr Elizabeth Green  
KCC Labour spokesperson for  
Children, Families and Education*

## An unwelcoming isle

I can now understand why there are so few tourists in Thanet.

As a resident of Westgate looking after my grandchildren, aged three and eight, I looked on the internet for suitable places to go. As it was raining, I decided on Margate's Shell Grotto, or the Crampton Tower Museum in Broadstairs.

I wanted to find out the times and cost for Crampton Tower, so I phoned the Visitor Information Centre in Margate and got a recorded message telling me it was open from 10am. My first call was at 10.05am and the second at 10.30am – with the same result. We drove to the Shell Grotto, only to find that it was closed for the day. We then proceeded to Crampton Tower only to find that it was also closed. There were no signs indicating the opening times.

If this is what happens to a resident, what chance does a visitor have when there is an unattended information centre?

*John Page  
Westgate*

## We must not forget

We are researching the names of people from Kennington, Ashford, who were killed in World War Two and whose names appear on the war memorial in Ulley Road.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone who has any information. We are planning to hold an exhibition on Remembrance Sunday in St Mary's church hall and we would like to be able to tell the story of each individual on the memorial so we can keep their memory alive in the community.

They are: Royal Navy – VC Adcock, CWJ Staples.

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RAF – JCA Allchin, RW Ammon, KV Dean, J Haney, SF Hollands, JJ King, TM Nicholls, DW Stealey, DR Vickers.

Merchant Navy – S Perry.

Civilians – Sarah Gray, Daisy Mercer, John Newington, Edith Smith, Rose Williams.

*Robin and Jill Britcher  
Ashford  
Telephone 01233 634410*

## Worse than Connex

I regularly travel from Swale to London by train and journey times have been extended to meet meaningless targets which have not improved the service whatsoever.

It is widely reported that Connex and Railtrack were inefficient compared with Southeastern and Network Rail, yet my journey times were quicker under Connex – on 60-year-old rolling stock.

There are no more trains running now than there were in 1988. More people travelled into London in the 1980s, yet we have a less efficient service and pay considerably more. Southeastern and Network Rail managers have failed customers in East Kent.

From 2002-08, journey times increased by 22 per cent (13 minutes) and fares by 32 per cent. Since Govia took control in 2005, time has increased a further 8.3 per cent and fares 16 per cent. These figures do not include the increases for 2009.

Commuters are faced with ever-increasing fares for a slower service and so-called 'high-speed trains' which run over existing rails. Trains either stop or deliberately go slow in order to meet extended journey times.

I travel on a service which runs at a speed and timescale more suited to the 19th century. Also, paying £200 million for 12 high-

speed trains and using that as an excuse for increasing fares is questionable. Despite the circus that passes for a rail system in Kent, MPs tell commuters things are improving, but

given they can travel first class at taxpayers' expense, this attitude is to be expected.

*JW Elmer  
Sittingbourne*

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## Skill levels key to region's potential

EMPLOYERS have been challenged to do more to meet the skills needs of the workforce.

Chatham and Aylesford MP Jonathan Shaw, who is also regional minister for the South East, said the area has a target to improve the skills of 250,000

people in the next three years.

He has written to more than 100 public sector organisations challenging them to improve training and skills in their workforce.

Mr Shaw said: "Employment and skills is an area about which I am passionate. We can only

achieve this region's full potential – both in terms of economic success and social cohesion – if we ensure that current and future skills provision and labour market services meet the needs of business."

He was backed by Seeda chairman Jim Brathwaite, who said:

"The South East is a knowledge economy and we succeed or fail by the skills of our workforce."

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## Teenagers get taste for life in building trade

MAJOR housing growth is planned for the Ashford area in the coming years – giving good foundations for a career in the construction industry.

By **ERICA JONES**

A group of teenagers have completed a three-month programme as part of the Kent County Council community scheme, which works with 16-19 year olds who are not in education, employment or training.

It supports them in improving their employability, life and practical skills – and helps them find employment, training or further education opportunities.

For the first two months, the group learned a range of practical construction skills including bricklaying, concreting, coving, painting and decorating. They also gained CSCS card training, which is essential for anyone working on a construction site.

And to support their new skills, they also got training in budgeting, CV writing, first aid, health and safety, risk assessments and interview techniques.

### Apprenticeship

After eight weeks of training it was time to put their knowledge and skills to the test.

The group took to redesigning and improving the garden at Southfields residential home on the Stanhope estate, Ashford.

The brief was to move the shed away from the patio area and build trellises to disguise a large polytunnel. A new patio area was laid, a raised wooden flower bed was installed and a brick barbecue was built.

Terry Bristow, 16, who helped

build the barbecue, said: "The programme has encouraged me more to get a job – I wasn't doing anything before I started this, but now I'm hoping to start a two-year course at South Kent College and get an apprenticeship after that."

Following the course, in which he helped with concreting and patio laying, Mikey Large, 16, is applying for college and lining up job interviews on construction sites.

He said: "I've learned new skills like patio laying, carpentry and coving, which will help my chances of getting a job."

"We also learned first aid, health and safety and how to do a risk assessment."

"The CSCS card will make a difference too – you can't get on a building site without one."

KCC cabinet member for education operations, resources and skills, Mark Dance, said: "I'm delighted to hear about the success of the Kent community programme. The academic route is not for everyone and our young people deserve a chance in life."

"There are numerous opportunities in the construction industry here in Kent and I'm sure employers will welcome enthusiastic, hard-working and skilled youngsters."

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Closing date: Friday 25th July 2008 at midday  
Interview date: Friday 1st August 2008

If you would like to discuss this post further please call Linda Ranger on 01227 781 297

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Colyer Road  
Northfleet, Gravesend  
Kent DA11 8BG  
Head: John Hassett MA

## GRADUATE TEACHER PROGRAMME

Have you, as a graduate, considered becoming a teacher via the GTP route, which currently pays £14,751 during training?

Northfleet Technology College, in collaboration with Canterbury Christ Church University College, is inviting applicants to join the Graduate Teacher Programme from September 2008 in:

• Music • Mathematics

Further details, including an application form, are available from the School's website, [www.ntc.kent.sch.uk](http://www.ntc.kent.sch.uk) or from Gill Taylor, e-mail: [tay-lorg@ntc.kent.sch.uk](mailto:tay-lorg@ntc.kent.sch.uk)

The closing date for applications is Monday the 28th of July



## Teaching Assistant/ Higher Level Teaching Assistant

**Post:** Teaching Assistant/HLTA  
**Start Date:** September 2008  
**Hours:** 25 per week - term time only  
**Pay scale:** KS3 - Teaching Assistant  
KS7 - for HLTA hours

We are looking for an experienced teaching assistant who wishes to advance their career to become an HLTA or an existing HLTA to join the team at Victoria Road Primary. The primary focus of the post will be to work under the direction of a teacher as part of the professional team to support learning activities for pupils. When qualified as an HLTA, they would deliver lessons set by or with teachers.

The successful candidate will have achieved a recognised qualification at level 2 or above in English/Literacy, Maths/Numeracy and be computer literate.

Victoria Road is a "Good" school (Ofsted July 2007) and has a friendly learning environment, and a good relationship with parents and the local community. The children are enthusiastic and well behaved.

If you are interested in this post, please contact Mrs Liz Steele for an application pack by phoning 01233 620044 or email [school@victoria-road.kent.sch.uk](mailto:school@victoria-road.kent.sch.uk). This post is subject to an enhanced CRB check.

**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
**Interview Date:** 25th July 2008  
**Start Date:** September 2008

## Ashford Christ Church

Headteacher: Catherine Barber  
Millbank Road, Kingsnorth, Ashford, Kent TN23 3HG

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This is a new and exciting developmental opportunity for a Chaplain to provide a wide range of pastoral support and guidance to the students and staff at Ashford Christ Church.

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- Motivator and Inspiring leader with drive and enthusiasm
- A friendly and compassionate character
- Self-motivated and professional in approach.

Visit our website: [www.ashfordchristchurch.com](http://www.ashfordchristchurch.com)

For further information and an application pack please contact HR Officer Samantha Sullivan at [samanthasullivan@ashfordchristchurch.com](mailto:samanthasullivan@ashfordchristchurch.com)

Telephone: 01233 623465 or Fax: 01233 636881

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Are you committed to developing learning and raising aspirations with students? If so, we want to hear from you.

To apply for this position please forward a letter of application together with a CV by email to: [m.wigington@spiresacademy.com](mailto:m.wigington@spiresacademy.com)

Closing date: Monday 21st July at noon

Interview date: Wednesday 23rd July





Hadlow College is Kent's premier land-based college and one of the top three such colleges in the United Kingdom.

The College lies in a picturesque part of West Kent, with a 256 hectare campus boasting an enviable array of facilities to enable students to maximise learning and gain realistic experience of the workplace for their future careers.

A £55 million capital project is planned over the next 2 years, aimed at building the best facilities of their kind in the Country.

### Assistant to the Head of Quality & Staff Development £19,123 to £21,762 per annum

This high profile role will provide a wide range of administrative and secretarial support to the Head of Quality & Staff Development and contribute to the effective implementation of quality systems and monitoring of teaching and learning across the College.

The successful candidate will have good, current secretarial and administrative skills with experience of setting up and maintaining record keeping systems, have excellent IT, communication and organisational skills as well as the ability to work on their own initiative and as part of a team. Previous experience of working in Education and supporting at a senior management level would also be an advantage.

### Trainee Registry Administrator £11,580 to £13,777 per annum

This is an exciting opportunity for a wide range of administrative and secretarial support to the Head of Quality & Staff Development and contribute to the effective implementation of quality systems and monitoring of teaching and learning across the College.

The role will include a range of administration and customer service duties involving student data, registers of attendance, student admissions and enrolment, student absence monitoring and examinations. The postholder will be responsible for distributing the incoming post, assisting with the preparation of the outgoing post and providing support and cover for the College Front Desk and switchboard.

The successful candidate will need to be a team player with a flexible approach and the ability to work on their own initiative. Good administration, customer service, communication and organisational skills are essential as are strong IT skills.

To receive an information pack and application form please telephone the Human Resources Department on 01732 850551 or e-mail 'jobs@hadlow.ac.uk'.

The closing date for applications is Friday, 25th July 2008. Visit Hadlow College at [www.hadlow.ac.uk](http://www.hadlow.ac.uk)

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### Curriculum Co-ordinator Mechanical Engineering – First and National Diplomas in Mechanical Engineering

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,365 per annum

Post Ref: 08/77

### Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 07/04

### Lecturer Hospitality and Catering

27.75 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 04/154

### Lecturer Access to HE

18.5 hrs per week, 2 years fixed term.

Salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 08/97

### Lecturer in Journalism

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 08/55

### Pre 16 Tutor

18.5 hrs per week, fixed term post ending 31 August 2010.

Salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 07/16

### Supply Lecturers in Animal Care and Land Based Studies

Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: S/AL

### Supply Lecturers in Equine Studies

Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: S/EQ

### Trainer Demonstrator Animal Care and Land Based

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: TD13

### Curriculum Support Assistant within the Faculty of ICT/ Retail & Commercial/ Leisure & Tourism/ Catering/ Business & Law

37 hrs per week, 38 weeks per year term time.

Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 08/66

### Learning Resources Assistant

7.5 hrs per week, 1 year fixed term, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: LRCA1

### Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and Adult Learning Grant Assistant

18.5 hrs per week, 40 weeks per year term time. Fixed term to 31 August 2009.

Salary starting £14,535 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: EMA

### Curriculum Support Assistant within the Faculty of Agriculture/ Horticulture and Animal Care

18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks per year term time.

Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 04/118

### Resource Assistant Animal Care and Land Based

18.5 hrs per week, salary range starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 06/08

### Assistant Head Chef

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 per annum

Post Ref: RC01

For an application pack please visit [www.cant-col.ac.uk](http://www.cant-col.ac.uk) or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 21st July 2008 at 12 noon.

### Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Sports Hall and Gym
- Proximity to Mainbus / Train Stations
- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Close to City Centre
- Staff Discount Scheme

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### Lecturer Construction – Trowel Occupations and Key Skills

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 08/72

### Academic Support Assistant

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

Post Ref: 08/74

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For an informal visit to the school please contact Justin Davey on 01233 634171 ex 227.

Applications are by CV and covering letter by email on admin@towers.kent.sch.uk, fax on 01233 628326 or post. Please mark for the attention of Mrs Kyla Weedon. All applications should be received by Friday, 18th July 2008.

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Along with a City & Guilds or Cert Ed or PGCE qualification, you must have reached at least Level 3 standard in Office 2003 or ideally 2007. Well organised and a gifted communicator, you will also bring us proven experience of developing, administering and teaching in virtual learning environments. Skills in XP, Vista, website construction and network environments will additionally be important.

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For further details, a job description and an application form, please contact the HR department on 01732 376511 or email hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk

Closing date: Thursday, 12 noon 17 July 2008.



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An internal reorganisation means that we are looking for enthusiastic individuals to complement our existing team in providing planned and responsive ICT support

## Junior Technical Support Officer

Salary up to £16,416 pa

You will help provide first line support for all the council's ICT desktop equipment. Essential skills needed include:

- Strong customer facing and customer care skills including the ability to communicate efficiently by email, telephone and face to face
- Sound knowledge of PC hardware, Microsoft Windows operating systems and Microsoft Office applications
- A knowledge of ITIL guidelines and practices would be an advantage

## Web Analyst/Programmer

Salary up to £20,232 pa

To assist with the design and implementation of a wide range of information systems

Essential skills needed include:

- Knowledge of ASP.NET, Visual Basic and .Net framework 2.0
- Experience of working as part of a development team
- Any understanding of project management methods and web interface design would be an advantage.

For an informal discussion please contact, Rob Neil on 01233 330850

For an application form and further details please contact Personnel and Development, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford Kent or e-mail recruitment@ashford.gov.uk

Closing date: Monday 4th August 2008

Interviews will be held on:

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### BSF Project Managers

Starting salary £35,370, with progression through contribution related pay to £40,705 pa

Brenchley House, Maidstone

The Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Team is part of a dynamic team responsible for delivering the Kent BSF and Academies programme for Kent County Council.

Kent County Council was successful in obtaining funding through the national BSF programme which will see investment through a mix of new build and refurbishment of all secondary schools in Kent. For the purposes of delivering the programme KCC is currently undergoing a procurement process to select a private sector partner to deliver all of the construction projects to the secondary estate in Gravesham, Thanet and Swale. Following the conclusion of the first procurement, KCC intends to procure a further two partners who will deliver to the rest of the County.

We are seeking to appoint two Project Managers (Site Liaison/Construction) to join this high profile team. You will be responsible for providing input during the procurement and lead up to construction works, management of the interface between the Contractor, KCC and schools during the construction phase, decant and building handover.

You will work with the existing KCC BSF/PFI and Academies Team, its external advisors, schools and other local stakeholders, as well as with Partnerships for Schools (PFS) and the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to ensure that local proposals facilitate delivery of the national objectives.

You will have excellent organisational, communication and negotiation skills. You will need to demonstrate motivation, and the ability to work on your own or as part of a team. Previous experience of working with or within a construction environment as well as a current understanding of the Education sector is essential, with previous experience in procurement or the public sector an advantage.

Ref: CFHE/08/0283

Closing date: Midday, 24th July 2008.

Interview date: 12th August 2008.

Westwood Centre, Margate

All posts are fixed term until August 2009

### Team Leader

Starting salary £29,920, with progression through contribution related pay to £35,370 pa

Do you have experience of and commitment to working with young people, and could you support and offer guidance to other colleagues?

If so, you will be a team leader who is bright, full of ideas and enjoys using their initiative, joining our dedicated and highly effective staff team.

The primary function of this role is to manage and support the Kent Safe Schools Alternative Curriculum Provision at the Westwood Centre. We are developing an innovative project designed to meet the holistic educational needs of those who have been identified at risk of permanent exclusion in Key Stage Four within an off-school setting for fifty young people.

This potentially challenging yet highly rewarding role will encourage an organised, innovative and young person's focussed approach to education, working effectively with the curriculum to provide core subjects, vocational experiences and the development of an inclusive approach to wider supportive services and the extended schools agenda.

The role will include working alongside staff, agencies, schools, communities, parents and young people to identify opportunities to establish robust working partnerships. You will manage the provision of full time education for the young people and also have a shared responsibility for supporting other staff in a similar area, with a particular focus on the co-ordination of services, induction and training.

We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector.

Ref: CFHE/08/0272



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### Project Officer

Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 pa pro-rata term time

5 posts available with the possibility of one post becoming an 18.5 hour job share between two people

Do you have experience of working in an innovative way and with a committed approach toward the education of young people?

We are seeking candidates who are keen to rise to the daily challenges in providing high quality and innovative education programmes through a broad spectrum of subjects and experiences.

The main elements of this role are to directly design and deliver engaging and exciting educational programmes and sessions. We are developing an innovative project designed to meet the holistic educational needs of those who have been identified at risk of permanent exclusion in Key Stage Four within an off-school setting for fifty young people.

These challenging, yet highly rewarding roles will need an organised and innovative person who is focussed to education. You will work effectively with the curriculum to provide core subjects, vocational experiences and the development of an inclusive approach to wider supportive services and the extended schools agenda. An open approach to deliver across a spectrum of subject areas is preferable and may include the design and delivery of schemes of work based around our dedicated areas of specialism that include: Motor Vehicle Engineering, Construction, IT, Carpentry, Art and Music.

The role will include working alongside other staff members, agencies, schools, communities and parents to maximise young peoples learning opportunities and to establish robust working partnerships.

We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector.

Ref: CFHE/08/0271

### Project Assistant

Starting salary £13,959, with progression through contribution related pay to £15,826 pa pro-rata term time

4 Posts with the possibility of an 18.5 hour job share for the equivalent of one post

Kent Safe Schools have successfully secured a bid to support permanently excluded young people through alternative education programmes.

The main function of this role is to work as part of a wider staff team supporting the direct learning and education of the young people within the Kent Safe Schools Alternative Curriculum Provision at the Westwood Centre. We are developing an innovative project designed to meet the holistic educational needs of those who have been identified at risk of permanent exclusion in Key Stage Four within an off-school setting for fifty young people.

We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues and who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector.

You will be a flexible Project Assistant with commitment, vision and passion who can be a key part of the staff team. Additionally, you will support the delivery of a broad-based curriculum aimed at targeting up to 50 young people at Key Stage 4, complementing other professional disciplines.

The aims of the teams' work will be the maintenance and development of young people towards recognised qualifications and learning outcomes.

Ref: CFHE/08/0273

Closing date for all three posts: Midday, 18th July 2008.

These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

To apply, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs) Alternatively, please email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk or call 0845 8247 904.

Please quote relevant reference number.



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#### Communities Customer Services

### Customer Service Assistant (Housing Benefit) Job Share

**Salary: Circa £15,500 - £18,500 pro rata**  
**Ref: PTCSA/AT**  
**18.5 hours - Thursday, Friday and**  
**alternate Wednesdays.**

The Benefits Customer Service Assistant is responsible for managing enquiries from customers relating to, in the main, Housing Benefit and Council Tax with particular emphasis on ensuring excellent customer delivery at first point of contact.

You will have previous experience of working in a customer focused front-line service, adhering to strict procedures and providing outstanding levels of customer care. Excellent communication skills and the ability to deal with customers confidently, politely and efficiently are essential. Good IT skills are also prerequisite for this role.

Experience of previous handling of Housing Benefit / Council Tax enquiries would be advantageous.

Applicants will be required to attend a short skills assessment as part of the selection process.

#### Communities Customer Services

### Repairs Assistant

**Salary: Circa £15,500 - £18,500**  
**Ref: RA/AT**

The Customer Service Repairs Assistant is responsible for managing enquiries from customers relating to, in the main, Housing repairs with particular emphasis on ensuring excellent customer delivery at first point of contact.

You will have previous experience of working in a customer focused front-line service, adhering to strict procedures and providing outstanding levels of customer care. Excellent communication skills and the ability to deal with customers confidently, politely and efficiently are essential. Good IT skills are also prerequisite for this role.

Applicants will be required to attend a short skills assessment as part of the selection process.

#### Housing and Environment Waste and Horticulture

### Tractor Driver

**Salary: £300.79 per week**  
**Ref: TD/SA**

The horticultural department are looking for an experienced tractor driver to assist with the maintenance and cutting of grass verges, open spaces and sport pitches.

Applicants will also undertake general grounds maintenance when not operating tractor equipment.

A full clean driving license is essential for this post.

#### Housing and Environment Health and Safety

### Health and Safety Administrator

**Salary: Circa £16,500 - £18,500**  
**Ref: HS/GH**

As a Health and Safety Administrator you will provide administration and operational support to the Health and Safety Advisor within the Housing and Environment Directorate.

You will have previous experience of working in a similar role. Excellent communication skills, IT skills as well as the ability to work on your own initiative are also essential in this role.

#### Housing and Environment Director

### Part-time PA to Director (Housing and Environment)

**Salary: Circa £17,000 - £21,000 pro rata**  
**Ref: PA/CR**  
**18.5 hours per week**

An experienced administrator, you will provide a high level secretarial and administrative support to the Director (Housing and Environment) and to other divisional managers as necessary.

You will be customer focused and articulate with the ability to work on your own initiative as well as part of a team. Excellent communication skills both oral and written and the ability to organise are essential.

Applicants will be required to attend a short skills assessment as part of the selection process.

#### Housing and Environment Housing Services

### Rent Officer

**Salary: Circa £15,500 - £18,500**  
**Ref: RO/MB**

As a Rent Officer you will work as part of a team providing a comprehensive rent collection service to the tenants of Gravesham Borough Council.

You will have previous experience of working in a customer focused front-line service, providing outstanding levels of customer care and handling cash. Excellent communication skills, IT skills as well as the ability to work on your own initiative are also essential in this role.

You must also have a full driving license and use of a vehicle. You will be required to work unsocial hours from time to time.

Applicants will be required to attend a short skills assessment as part of the selection process.

#### Housing and Environment Waste and Horticulture

### Driver Labourer

**Salary: £275.96 per week**  
**Ref: DL/SA**

The waste management department are looking for motivated people to join the refuse and street cleansing team to help keep the streets and open spaces of Gravesham free of rubbish, litter, flyposting, graffiti and flytipping.

Duties include collection of refuse/recycling, street sweeping, emptying of dog/litter bins and the clearance of dumped rubbish. Applicants will need to be flexible in the duties that they perform.

A full clean driving license is essential for this post. HGV applicants are welcome

**Closing date for all posts: 21 July 2008**

**For an application form for any of the above posts please contact:**  
 Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council,  
 Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend,  
 Kent DA12 1AU.

**Telephone:** 01474 33 70 00  
**Email:** customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk  
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## Accountancy

### Accounts Assistant

#### Gravesend

Salary: TBA

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**To apply/more information:** Sherry Schofield  
Tube Gear Ltd  
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Email accounts@tube-gear.com

## Administration, Secretarial, PA

### Academic Support Assistant

#### Ashford

Salary: salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum  
Closing Date: Monday 21st July 2008

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**To apply/more information:** Personnel Office  
Canterbury College  
Quoting Job Ref: Post 08/74  
Tel: 01222 811282  
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### Admin Assistance/Bookkeeper

#### Maidstone

Salary: Pay dep. on exp. Part time 20hrs. Previous office experience, computer literate. Quick Books knowledge. Motivated.

**To apply/more information:** Anna  
First Choice Services  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Email mail@firstchoiceservicesltd.co.uk

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

#### Medway

Salary: £19,841 - £22,332 per annum

Based in the University's Partnership Division you will undertake a range of secretarial and administrative duties in support of the functions of the Partnership Division with a primary focus on supporting the administration and development of work based learning and employer engagement activities and projects. You will have a good level of secondary education, strong IT skills with a sound knowledge of Microsoft Access, PowerPoint and Word and the ability to work with a wide range of client groups, staff and students. You will need experience of working to tight deadlines and be prepared to travel to other University campuses, work flexible hours at peak times and be able to work on your own initiative with a minimum

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**To apply/more information:** University of Greenwich  
Quoting Job Ref: 01005/K3  
Email jobs@gre.ac.uk

### Course Administrators

#### Canterbury

Salary: tba required for a training company based in Womensworld, just outside Canterbury. Duties to include telephone, filing and general administration. Two full time positions, Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm.

**To apply/more information:** Jeanette  
Amacsports Ltd  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01227 831840  
Email jeanette@amacsports.co.uk

### Health and Safety Administrator

#### Gravesend

Salary: Circa £16,500 - £18,500

Closing Date: 21 July 2008  
As a Health and Safety Administrator you will provide administration and operational support to the Health and Safety Advisor within the Housing and Environment Directorate. You will have previous experience of working in a similar role. Excellent communication skills, IT skills as well as the ability to work on your own initiative are also essential in this role. For an application form please contact:

Customer Services,  
Gravesend Borough Council,  
Civic Centre, Windmill Street,  
Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.  
Website: [www.gravesend.gov.uk](http://www.gravesend.gov.uk)  
**To apply/more information:** Medway Council  
Quoting Job Ref: HS/GH  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk

### Part-time PA to Director (Housing and Environment)

#### Gravesend

Salary: Circa £17,000 - £21,000 pro rata

Closing Date: 21 July 2008  
18.5 hours per week An experienced administrator, you will provide a high level secretarial and administrative support to the Director [Housing and Environment] and to other divisional managers as necessary. You will be customer focused and articulate with the ability to work on your own initiative as well as part of a team. Excellent communication skills both oral and written and the ability to organise are essential. Applicants will be required to attend a short skills assessment as part of the selection process. For an application form please contact: Customer Services, Gravesend Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU. Website: [www.gravesend.gov.uk](http://www.gravesend.gov.uk)

**To apply/more information:** Medway Council  
Quoting Job Ref: PA/CR  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk

### Receptionist

#### Sittingbourne

Salary: TBA

Required for local accident repair business. Apply by CV or call for an interview.

**To apply/more information:** Paul Goddard/Gary Gregory  
Ransoms Motors Ltd  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01795 842513  
Email info@ransomsmotors.co.uk

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### RECEPTIONIST

#### Faversham

Salary: £14,492 - £16,217 (SCP 12 - 17) pay award pending

Closing Date: 18th July 2008

Operating in the drug & alcohol and mental health sectors, KCA (UK) provides a wide range of high quality and innovative specialist services for adults and young people. The organisation provides services from over twenty service bases across Kent, Surrey and the London boroughs, employs approximately 300 paid and unpaid staff and has an annual income exceeding £10.5 million. You will be the first point of contact to all callers, visitors and service users to KCA's Head Office, whether by telephone, e-mail, post or in person, ensuring they are dealt with promptly, efficiently and courteously. As a key member of the Head Office Administration team you will have top MS Office skills, a 'can do' approach, and be involved in a range of administrative tasks. You will be able to communicate with a wide cross-section of staff and external contacts. For an application form please contact KCA(UK) by phone, email or in writing to Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Website [www.kca.org.uk](http://www.kca.org.uk) Interview date: 29th July 2008 KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse.

**To apply/more information:** KCA (UK)  
Quoting Job Ref: 495  
Tel: 01795 590635  
Email recruitment@kca.org.uk

### Research and Administration Assistant

#### Canterbury

Salary: £12,000

Closing Date: 21/07/2008  
30 hours per week. Visit Kent is the official tourism body for Kent based in offices at Maidstone and Canterbury. The Canterbury team is a public/private sector partnership with over 75

stakeholders supporting Kent's £2.5bn visitor economy. We are seeking an assistant to join the team based in Canterbury. You should have excellent customer service and administrative skills, and be tenacious yet professional in your approach to business liaison. Working as part of a small team we need a person who is self motivated with an enthusiasm for Kent and tourism. Visit [www.visitkent.co.uk/business](http://www.visitkent.co.uk/business) for more details of the position and application details. Interviews will be held on 23rd and 24th July in Canterbury. 'Visit Kent is an equal opportunities employer'

**To apply/more information:** Sharon Dawson  
Visit Kent  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01227 862789  
Email sharon.dawson@visitkent.co.uk

### Trainee Registry Administrator

#### Tonbridge

Salary: £11,580 to £13,777 pa

This is an exciting opportunity for someone with a genuine interest in administration working who also wants the opportunity to undertake training in order to achieve a Level 2 Business Administration or Customer Service National Vocational Qualification. The role will include a range of administration and customer service duties involving student data, registers of attendance, student admission and enrolment, student absence monitoring and examinations. The post holder will be responsible for distributing the incoming post, assisting with the preparation of the outgoing post and provided support and cover for the College Front Desk and switchboard. The successful candidate will need to be a team player with a flexible approach and the ability to work on their own initiative. Good administration, communication and organisational skills are essential as are strong IT skills.

**To apply/more information:** Hadlow College  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01732 850551  
Email jobs@hadlow.ac.uk

## Agriculture, Forestry, Environment

### Seasonal Gardeners

#### Hythe

Salary: tba

Temporary position, contracted until 30th September Port Lympne Wild Animal Park is looking for temporary gardeners to join our team responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of our grounds at Port Lympne Park. You must be physically fit and hardworking with good general horticultural knowledge and the ability to work well unsupervised or as part of a team. A valid driving licence is essential. Previous experience working as a gardener is preferred. Working 40 hours a week, this position offers the successful candidate the opportunity to work in a unique environment where no two days are ever the same. Working hours are:

8.00am to 4.30pm, five days a week out of seven. Immediate start. To apply please send a recent CV and covering letter to Helen Dallimore-Jones, Human Resources Manager, Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, Port Lympne Nr Hythe, Kent. CT21 4PD. Or E-mail: [personnel@howletts.net](mailto:personnel@howletts.net)  
Helen Dallimore-Jones  
Howletts Wild Animal Park  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Email [personnel@howletts.net](mailto:personnel@howletts.net)

### Tractor Driver

#### Gravesend

Salary: £300.79 per week

Closing Date: 21 July 2008

The horticultural department are looking for an experienced tractor driver to assist with the maintenance and cutting of grass verges, open spaces and sport pitches. Applicants will also undertake general grounds maintenance when not operating tractor equipment. A full clean driving license is essential for this post. For an application form please contact: Customer Services, Gravesend Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU. Website: [www.gravesend.gov.uk](http://www.gravesend.gov.uk)  
**To apply/more information:** Medway Council  
Quoting Job Ref: TD/SA  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email customer.services@gravesend.gov.uk

## Catering, Hospitality

### Catering Tender

#### Maidstone

Salary: tba

Buckmore Park Kart Circuit, Europe's market leader in outdoor karting, are inviting professional catering contractors to tender for exclusive catering rights at the venue. The venue is open seven days and evenings a week, all year round and caters for both individual and corporate customers. Parties interested in tendering for this contract, which commences on the 1st October 2008 should, in the first instance, contact Joanne McInnes.  
**To apply/more information:** Joanne McInnes  
Buckmore Park Karting Ltd  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Email joanne@buckmore.co.uk

### Chef

#### Aylesford

Salary: tba  
require a chef with 2 years experience for our prestigious Brasserie. Own transport needed. For the right person we may consider a college leaver for the position.  
**To apply/more information:** Alan Casey  
Kits Coty  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01634 684445  
Email info@kitscoty.co.uk

### Experienced Bar Staff

#### Sittingbourne

Salary: tba

EXPERIENCED BAR STAFF REQUIRED FOR MARINA CLUBHOUSE AT CONYER Friday/Saturday/Sunday/ Monday.  
**To apply/more information:** Simon  
Smedley Homes Ltd  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01795 521562  
Email swale.marina@virgin.net

### Part-Time Cook/ Kitchen Assistant

#### Maidstone

Salary: TBC

The Cornwallis suite Maidstone has a vacancy for a permanent part-time cook/kitchen assistant to work in our busy function venue. Duties to include food prep, cooking in the absence of the Chef & other kitchen duties. The successful applicant will need to be flexible with working hours, have previous experience of working in a busy catering environment & committed to providing high quality food. Salary is £6.50 per hour. Experienced Staff service waiting still also required. September start. Please email CV.

**To apply/more information:** Grub n Stuff  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Email [grubnstuffcatering@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:grubnstuffcatering@tiscali.co.uk)

## Child Care

### Registered Social Worker

#### Sittingbourne

Salary: £24,000 - £32,000

We are an independent fostering agency based in Sittingbourne, Kent, offering a friendly and supportive environment working with children who have behavioural and learning difficulties. Hythe House is registered with Ofsted and The Pan London Consortium. All our foster carers are based in Kent. We are seeking to recruit a registered social worker. Duties will include recruiting, training, supervising and supporting carers for the fostering task. For further information and an application form please contact Jackie Stevens or Gary Duffy.  
**To apply/more information:** Jackie Stevens or Gary Duffy  
Hythe House Support  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01795 438634  
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

## Construction, Architecture, Surveyors

### Contract Surveyor

#### Canterbury

Salary: £30 - £35k

Closing Date: 31/07/2008  
Estimating, valuations, invoicing etc., Construction experience and qualification, computer literate.  
**To apply/more information:** Lynne Beckley  
Sercos Local Government  
Quoting Job Ref: LBSC-AMC/072008  
Tel: 01227 819419  
Email lbeckley@canterbury.sercos.com

### Multi-Skilled energy assessor

#### Kent

Salary: tba

By law trained energy assessors will need to carry out an estimated 3 million energy assessments in the year from this October - 200,000 commercial buildings, 1.8 million homes being rented and 1.1 million being sold (2.1 million in normal house sale years). Applicants are there fore required to train now - no previous surveying experience is required - at our London, Bristol, Birmingham and

Manchester training centres which are approved by the government-appointed awarding body for the built environment. The subsidised training is taken in separately bookable 1 week modules usually around current commitments and you qualify as a multi-skilled domestic and commercial energy assessor, flood risk assessor and home inspector. Homes now being sold already require assessments with average fees for £70 being paid to our assessors - fees for the 1.8 million rented homes from October are expected to be similar. Fees for currently optional home inspectors average £250 - commercial assessments are expected to be higher. Up to 15 Domestic assessments or 6 commercial assessments or home inspections are estimated to be carried out in a week, subject to size of properties and supply. As well as thousands of assessors carrying out energy assessments, 7500 home inspectors will be needed upon government making home inspections compulsory - less than a thousand are currently certified.  
**To apply/more information:** Home Inspector  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 0208 335 1700  
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### Various Trades

#### Dartford

Salary: tba

Due to planned expansion we now require the following Trades people to join our team. FOREMAN ELECTRICIANS, FOREMAN FITTERS / PLUMBERS, TRAINED ELECTRICIANS, TRAINED FITTERS / PLUMBERS, ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL MATES Capable of achieving high standards on new and refurbishment projects in London & Kent. PAYE preferred. For application form ring 01322 621455 or send CV to: Mr B. M. Woodley, Gee-Bec Services Limited Unit 5, Maplehurst Close, Dartford, Kent, DA2 7WX.

**To apply/more information:** Mr B. M. Woodley  
Gee-Bec Services Ltd  
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Tel: 01322 621455  
Email info@geebecservices.co.uk

### Various Trades

#### Dartford

Salary: TBC

Due to planned expansion we now require the following permanent experienced professional people to join our team. M&E SURVEYOR ELECTRICAL ESTIMATOR TRAINEE SURVEYOR ESTIMATOR MECHANICAL CONTRACTS MANAGER Applicants should be suitably qualified and have experience within the new build and refurbishment markets. Please Send your CV and Salary expectations to: Mr B. M. Woodley, Gee-Bec Services Limited, Unit 5, Maplehurst Close, Dartford, Kent, DA2 7WX.  
**To apply/more information:** Gee-Bec Services Ltd  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Email info@geebecservices.co.uk

### Void Property Supervisor

#### Canterbury

Salary: £26,500

Closing Date: 18/07/2008  
Supervise and co-ordinate 13 tradesmen refurbishing void properties on tight completion schedule.  
**To apply/more information:** Lynne Beckley  
Sercos Local Government  
Quoting Job Ref: BV-VPS07/2008  
Tel: 01227 819419  
Email lbeckley@canterbury.sercos.com

## Customer Service, Call Centre

### Customer Advisors - Servicing

#### Ashford

Salary: £16,500 OTE (pro-rata)

You will handle telephone calls from our customers, helping them with every aspect of account maintenance and promoting our award-winning products which can make or save them money. So who are we looking for? The answer is anyone with a warm, friendly and outgoing personality, and a strong customer focus. You might be returning to work after a break, you may be attending or left further education, or maybe you're just looking for a change of career. All kinds of people work here so you're bound to fit in from the word go! In return for giving great customer service and hitting your sales targets we offer an excellent package of salary and commission, company pension, flexible holiday entitlement, share save schemes and all the training and development you will need to get where you want to be. Just come along to our open evening at Charter House, Park St, Ashford, TN24 8EH. Tuesday, 15th July any time between 4.30 pm - 9.00 pm. If you can't make it don't worry, just call our recruitment line or visit our





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**To apply/more information:**  
Alliance & Leicester  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01233 212173  
Email applications@  
jobsforkent.co.uk

### Customer Service Assistant (Housing Benefit) Job Share

**Gravesend**  
Salary: Circa £15,500 - £18,500 pro rata  
**Closing Date:** 21 July 2008  
18.5 hours - Thursday, Friday and alternate Wednesdays. The Benefits Customer Service Assistant is responsible for managing enquiries from customers relating to, in the main, Housing Benefit and Council Tax with particular emphasis on ensuring excellent customer delivery at first point of contact. You will have previous experience of working in a customer focused front-line service, adhering to strict procedures and providing outstanding levels of customer care. Excellent communication skills and the ability to deal with customers confidently, politely and efficiently are also prerequisite for this role.

Experience of previous handling of Housing Benefit / Council Tax enquiries would be advantageous. Applicants will be required to attend a short skills assessment as part of the selection process. For an application form please contact: Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU. Website: [www.gravesham.gov.uk](http://www.gravesham.gov.uk)  
**To apply/more information:**  
Medway Council  
Quoting Job Ref: RA/AT  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email [customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk)

### Rent Officer

**Gravesend**  
Salary: Circa £15,500 - £18,500  
**Closing Date:** 21 July 2008  
As a Rent Officer you will work as part of a team providing a comprehensive rent collection service to the tenants of Gravesham Borough Council. You will have previous experience of working in a customer focused front-line service, providing outstanding levels of customer care and handling cash. Excellent communication skills, IT skills as well as the ability to work on your own initiative are also essential in this role. You must also have a full driving license and use of a vehicle. You will be required to work unsocial hours from time to time. Applicants will be required to attend a short skills assessment as part of the selection process. For an application form please contact: Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU. Website: [www.gravesham.gov.uk](http://www.gravesham.gov.uk)  
**To apply/more information:**  
Medway Council  
Quoting Job Ref: RO/MB  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email [customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk)

### Repairs Assistant

**Gravesend**  
Salary: £15,500 - £18,500  
**Closing Date:** 21 July 2008

The Customer Service Repairs Assistant is responsible for managing enquiries from customers relating to, in the main, Housing repairs with particular emphasis on ensuring excellent customer delivery at first point of contact. You will have previous experience of working in a customer focused front-line service, adhering to strict procedures and providing outstanding levels of customer care. Excellent communication skills and the ability to deal with customers confidently, politely and efficiently are also prerequisite for this role. Applicants will be required to attend a short skills assessment as part of the selection process. For an application form please contact: Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU. Website: [www.gravesham.gov.uk](http://www.gravesham.gov.uk)  
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Medway Council  
Quoting Job Ref: RA/AT  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email [customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk)

### Domestic

#### Driver Labourer

**Gravesend**  
Salary: £275.96 per week  
**Closing Date:** 21 July 2008  
The waste management department are looking for motivated people to join the refuse and street cleansing team to help keep the streets and open spaces of Gravesham free of rubbish, litter, flyposting, graffiti and flytipping. Duties include collection of refuse/recycling, street sweeping, emptying of dog/litter bins and the clearance of dumped rubbish. Applicants will need to flexible in the duties that they perform. A full clean driving license is essential for this post. HGV applicants are welcome. For an application form please contact: Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU. Website: [www.gravesham.gov.uk](http://www.gravesham.gov.uk)  
**To apply/more information:**  
Medway Council  
Quoting Job Ref: DL/SA  
Tel: 01474 33 70 00  
Email [customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk)

### Education, Teacher, School

#### Additional Learning Support Tutor

**Medway**  
Salary: £25,092 - £28,719  
**Closing Date:** 18 July 2008  
The successful candidate will work across all our College campuses and will have a recognised teaching qualification or be working towards an appropriate qualification. The candidate will be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge in supporting learners with difficulties. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please email [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on

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Personnel department  
Mid Kent College  
Quoting Job Ref: JU04  
Tel: 01634 845402  
(24 hour answer machine)  
Email [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk)

#### Assistant Head Chef

**Canterbury**  
Salary: salary range starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
18.5 hrs per week.  
**To apply/more information:**  
Personnel Office  
Canterbury College  
Quoting Job Ref: Post RC01  
Tel: 01227 811282  
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### Assistant to the Head of Quality and Staff Development

**Tonbridge**  
Salary: £19,123 to £21,762 pa  
**Closing Date:** 25th July 08  
This high profile role will provide a wide range of administrative and secretarial support to the Head of Quality & Staff Development and contribute to the effective implementation of quality systems and monitoring of teaching and learning across the college. The successful candidate will have good, current secretarial and administrative skills with experience of setting up and maintaining record keeping systems, have excellent IT, communication and organisational skills as well as the ability to work on their own initiative and as part of a team. Previous experience of working in Education and supporting at a senior management level would also be an advantage.  
**To apply/more information:**  
Hadlow College  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01732 850551  
Email [jobs@hadlow.ac.uk](mailto:jobs@hadlow.ac.uk)

#### Caretaker (5 month fixed term) contract 20 hours per week

**Medway**  
Salary: £11,599 - £16,199 pro-rata  
**Closing Date:** Friday, 18 July 2008  
As a member of the Campus Management Team you will help provide a clean and safe environment for users of the college's buildings and grounds and assist in other general campus management duties as required. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please email

[job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.  
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#### Chaplain

**Ashford**  
Salary: TBC  
This is a new and exciting developmental opportunity for a Chaplain to provide a wide range of pastoral support and guidance to the students and whilst at Ashford Christ Church. Whilst the Chaplain does not necessarily need to be a qualified teacher, experience in education and Section 48 inspection would be desirable. In particular we are looking for the following: A good communicator Motivator and Inspiring leader with drive and enthusiasm A friendly and compassionate character Self-motivated and professional in approach Visit our website: [www.ashfordchristchurch.com](http://www.ashfordchristchurch.com) For further information and an application pack please contact the HR Officer by email or phone. Appointment is subject to Enhanced CRB check.  
**To apply/more information:**  
Samantha Sullivan  
Ashford Christ Church  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01233 623465  
Email [samanthasullivan@ashfordchristchurch.com](mailto:samanthasullivan@ashfordchristchurch.com)

#### Credit Controller

**Folkestone**  
Salary: TBA  
**Closing Date:** 5pm on Wednesday 16th July 2008  
You will be responsible for monitoring and controlling all debts in an accurate and timely manner, ensuring sales ledger invoices are raised and journal entry. Assistance in finance audits and annual enrolment processes will also be required. The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies is 5pm on Wednesday 16th July 2008. For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk) or visit [www.southkent.ac.uk](http://www.southkent.ac.uk). 37 hours per week.  
**To apply/more information:**  
South Kent College  
Quoting Job Ref: S2143  
Tel: 0845 207 8222  
Email [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk)

### Curriculum Co-ordinator Mechanical Engineering

**Canterbury**  
Salary: Starting from £26,365 per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
First and National Diplomas in Mechanical Engineering required. 37 hrs per week.

**To apply/more information:**  
Personnel Office  
Canterbury College  
Quoting Job Ref: 08/77  
Tel: 01227 811282  
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### Curriculum Support Assistant within the Faculty of Agriculture/Horticulture and Animal Care

**Canterbury**  
Salary: Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks per year term time.  
**To apply/more information:**  
Personnel Office  
Canterbury College  
Quoting Job Ref: Post 04/118  
Tel: 01227 811282  
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### Curriculum Support Assistant within the Faculty of ICT/ Retail and Commercial/ Leisure and Tourism/ Catering/ Business and Law

**Canterbury**  
Salary: Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
37 hrs per week, 38 weeks per year term time.  
**To apply/more information:**  
Personnel Office  
Canterbury College  
Quoting Job Ref: Post 08/66  
Tel: 01227 811282  
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Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and Adult Learning Grant Assistant

**Canterbury**  
Salary: Salary starting £14,535 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
18.5 hrs per week, 40 weeks per year term time. Fixed term to 31 August 2009.  
**To apply/more information:**  
Personnel Office  
Canterbury College  
Quoting Job Ref: Post EMA  
Tel: 01227 811282  
(24hr answerphone)  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

#### Examinations Assistant

**Medway**  
Salary: Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994  
**Closing Date:** Friday, 18 July 2008  
As the main point of contact for at least one Awarding Body you will provide administrative support for examinations in liaison with the examinations co-ordinator. You will have experience using databases and Microsoft Word and Excel. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk).  
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Mid Kent College  
Quoting Job Ref: JU11  
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#### Examinations Assistant

**Medway**  
Salary: Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

As the main point of contact for at least one Awarding Body you will provide administrative support for examinations in liaison with the examinations co-ordinator. You will have experience using databases and Microsoft Word and Excel. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please email [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.  
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### FULL-TIME TEACHING ASSISTANT

**Maidsstone**  
Salary: tba  
**Closing Date:** Monday 14th July 2008  
We require for September 2008 a Teaching Assistant to support our Additional Educational Needs Department. The person appointed will be required to work with students who have additional educational needs, both in a classroom setting and on a 1-1 and small group basis. Some experience of working with students with additional educational needs would be an advantage and we will consider applications from Higher Level Teaching Assistants. This position is a permanent appointment for 28.5 hours per week term time only. Starting salary dependent on qualifications and experience. Further details and application form can be obtained from the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Theisen, 01622 754551 or email [headteacher@st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk) Visit our website [www.st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk) for details.  
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Mrs Theisen  
St Simon Stock Catholic School  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01622 754551  
Email [headteacher@st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk)

#### Guidance Advisor - Level 4

**Medway**  
Salary: £23,669 - £30,027  
**Closing Date:** 18 July 2008  
This post is an exciting opportunity for you to join our Matrix awarding winning Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) team working across all College Campuses to actively support prospective and current learners to achieve their full academic and personal potential. For further details please refer to job description. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please email [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the

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#### Kitchen Assistant

**Medway**  
Salary: Salary: £12,245 - £13,004 pro-rata  
**Closing Date:** 18 July 2008  
(27 hours per week) We are seeking to recruit a Kitchen Assistant to provide support to both students and Lecturers in the Catering department.  
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Mid Kent College  
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#### Learner Advisor - Level 3

**Medway**  
Salary: £11,599 - £16,199  
**Closing Date:** Friday, 18 July 2008  
The above posts are an exciting opportunity for you to join our Matrix awarding winning Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) team working across all College Campuses to actively support prospective and current learners to achieve their full academic and personal potential. For further details please refer to job description. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please email [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.  
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### Learning Resources Assistant

**Canterbury**  
Salary: salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
7.5 hrs per week, 1 year fixed term.  
**To apply/more information:**  
Personnel Office  
Canterbury College  
Quoting Job Ref: Post LRCA1  
Tel: 01227 811282  
(24hr answerphone)  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Learning Support Assistant

**Medway**  
Salary: Salary: £11,599 - £16,199  
**Closing Date:** 18 July 2008  
As a Learning Support Assistant you will support learners with challenging behaviour and learning disabilities. Previous experience would be advantageous.  
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### Lecturer Access to HE

**Canterbury**  
Salary: £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
18.5 hrs per week, 2 years fixed term.  
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Canterbury College  
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Tel: 01227 811282  
(24hr answerphone)  
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### Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based

**Canterbury**  
Salary: £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
18.5 hrs per week.  
**To apply/more information:**  
Personnel Office  
Canterbury College  
Quoting Job Ref: 07/04  
Tel: 01227 811282  
(24hr answerphone)  
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### Lecturer Construction - Trowel Occupations and Key Skills

**Isle of Sheppey**  
Salary: salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum  
18.5 hrs per week, Sheppey College is part of Canterbury College. Canterbury College is a leading FE and HE College which offers opportunities and an environment in which our 800 staff and 12,000 learners can reach their potential, so we can achieve our goal of being one of the best Colleges by 2010. To support this, the College has been undergoing a £50 million re-development, which opened in January 2008. We are now developing plans for Phase 3, for completion in 2012.  
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Canterbury College  
Quoting Job Ref: Post 08/72  
Tel: 01227 811282  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Lecturer Hospitality and Catering

**Canterbury**  
Salary: £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
27.75 hrs per week.  
**To apply/more information:**  
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Canterbury College  
Quoting Job Ref: 04/154  
Tel: 01227 811282  
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### Lecturer in Engineering

**Medway**  
Salary: £25,092 - £28,719





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**Closing Date:** Friday, 18 July 2008

You will have proven experience in Engineering and be able to teach across a range of levels from Foundation/GCSE to Higher National. The successful candidate will have a HNC or Degree in an Engineering subject. Candidates should hold or be willing to work towards an approved teaching qualification. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please email us. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department. In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.

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### Lecturer in Journalism

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
18.5 hrs per week.

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**Quoting Job Ref:** Post 08/55  
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### Lecturer in Plumbing

**Medway**  
**Salary:** £25,092 - £28,719  
**Closing Date:** Friday, 18 July 2008

The ideal candidate will have current knowledge and experience of the Building Services Industry and have a relevant trade qualification in plumbing. A recognised teaching qualification would be advantageous. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk).

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### Lecturer in Public Services

**Medway**  
**Salary:** £25,092 - £28,719  
**Closing Date:** Friday, 18 July 2008

We are seeking to recruit a Lecturer to teach on a range of BTEC and school links programmes. The successful candidate will have experience in Public Services and have a recognised teaching qualification. The department

will also consider applications from candidates without a teaching qualification although this will be reflected in the grading. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please email [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.

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### Lecturer in Public Services

**Folkestone**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** 5pm on Wednesday 16th July 2008 (Maternity cover until 30th June 2009). You will teach on a variety of Public Services courses to students aged 14 and over. Ideally, you have taught before, have worked with 14-19 year olds and have 3 years recent experience in a uniformed role. The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies is 5pm on Wednesday 16th July 2008. For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk) or visit [www.southkent.ac.uk](http://www.southkent.ac.uk). 27.75 hours per week.

**To apply/more information:** South Kent College  
**Quoting Job Ref:** T1335  
Tel: 0845 207 8222  
Email [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk)

### Lecturer in Sports

**Dover**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** 5pm on Wednesday 16th July 2008

18.5 hours per week. The purpose of this post is to deliver both theory and practical lessons on a range of sports courses, focusing primarily on sports coaching and sports psychology. The teaching of one or more Key Skills across the department will also be required. The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies is 5pm on Wednesday 16th July 2008. For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk) or visit [www.southkent.ac.uk](http://www.southkent.ac.uk).

**To apply/more information:** South Kent College  
**Quoting Job Ref:** T1328  
Tel: 0845 207 8222  
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### Lecturer in Travel and Tourism

**Medway**  
**Salary:** £25,092 - £28,719  
**Closing Date:** Friday, 18 July 2008

An opportunity has arisen for a Lecturer in Travel & Tourism. The main purpose of the role is to deliver and teach on a range of Travel and Tourism courses. You must have a relevant degree, ideally in Tourism and will have or be willing to work towards an appropriate teaching qualification within a specified timeframe. The department will also consider applications from candidates who would prefer part-time hours therefore please specify clearly on your application form. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please email us. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department. In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.

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### Office Services and Facilities Manager

**Ramsgate**  
**Salary:** £26,000  
**Closing Date:** 14/07/08

Responsible for all office services including staff recruitment and management, purchasing, printing, also buildings maintenance, and security. You will have a good understanding of current employment and H&S legislation and will have proven management skills with an ability to excel under extreme pressure. Full CV and current salary to Rex Stickland, Churchill House School, Ramsgate, CT11 9EQ [rex@churchillhouse.co.uk](mailto:rex@churchillhouse.co.uk)

**To apply/more information:** Rex Stickland  
Churchill House School of English  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 01843 593630  
Email [rex@churchillhouse.co.uk](mailto:rex@churchillhouse.co.uk)

### Peripatetic Teachers

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** tba  
**Closing Date:** Monday 21st July  
Piano; Guitar; Drums; Wind; Brass and Strings required to join our newly created Music Department 668131Spire Academy opened in September 2007 to transform the life chances of students

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**To apply/more information:** Spire Academy  
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Email [m.wigington@spiresacademy.com](mailto:m.wigington@spiresacademy.com)

### Pre 16 Tutor

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** Salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
18.5 hrs per week, fixed term post ending 31 August 2010.  
**To apply/more information:** Personnel Office  
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### Project Assistant

**Margate**  
**Salary:** £13,959, with progression through contribution related pay to £15,826 pa pro-rata term time  
**Closing Date:** Midday, 18th July 2008

4 Posts available with the possibility of an 18.5 hour job share for the equivalent of one post. Kent Safe Schools have successfully secured a bid to support permanently excluded young people through alternative education programmes. The main function of this role is to work as part of a wider staff team supporting the direct learning and education of the young people within the Kent Safe Schools Alternative Curriculum Provision at the Westwood Centre. We are developing an innovative project designed to meet the holistic educational needs of those who have been identified at risk of permanent exclusion in Key Stage Four within an off-school setting for fifty young people. We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues and who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector. You will be a flexible Project Assistant with commitment, vision and passion who can be a key part of the staff team. Additionally, you will support the delivery of a broad-based curriculum aimed at targeting up to 50 young people at Key Stage 4, complementing other professional disciplines. The aims of the teams' work will be the maintenance and development of young people towards recognised qualifications and learning outcomes. These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. To apply, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs) Alternatively, please email. Please quote relevant reference number.

**To apply/more information:** Kent County Council  
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### Project Officer

**Margate**  
**Salary:** £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 pa  
**Closing Date:** Midday, 18th July 2008  
pro-rata term time 5 posts available with the possibility of one post becoming an 18.5 hour job share between two people. Do you have experience of working in an innovative way and with a committed approach toward the education of young people? We are seeking candidates who are keen to rise to the daily challenges in providing high quality and innovative education programmes through a broad spectrum of subjects and experiences. The main elements of this role are to directly design and deliver engaging and exciting educational programmes and sessions. We are developing an innovative project designed to meet the holistic educational needs of those who have been identified at risk of permanent exclusion in Key Stage Four within an off-school setting for fifty young people. These challenging, yet highly rewarding roles will need an organised and innovative person who is focussed to education. You will work effectively with the curriculum to provide core subjects, vocational experiences and the development of an inclusive approach to wider supportive services and the extended schools agenda. An open approach to deliver across a spectrum of subject areas is preferable and may include the design and delivery of schemes of work based around our dedicated areas of specialism that include: Motor Vehicle Engineering, Construction, IT, Carpentry, Art and Music. The role will include working alongside other staff members, agencies, schools, communities and parents to maximise young peoples learning opportunities and to establish robust working partnerships. We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector. These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. To apply, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs) Alternatively, please email. Please quote relevant reference number.

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**Quoting Job Ref:** CFHE/08/0271  
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Experienced, NQT's & Graduates for September posts and short term work in Kent schools. Run by teachers for teachers. Areas recruiting are Maidstone, Dartford, Medway, Gravesend, Canterbury, Ashford.

**To apply/more information:** Elaine & Julia  
Link Education  
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Tel: 0845 130 4586  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Resource Assistant

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** salary starting from £14,535 per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
37 hrs per week.  
**To apply/more information:** Personnel Office  
Canterbury College  
**Quoting Job Ref:** Post 06/08  
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### Sessional Lecturer in Psychology

**Medway**  
**Salary:** £19.74 to £28.28 per hour including holiday  
**Closing Date:** Friday, 18 July 2008

We are looking to recruit a Sessional Lecturer in Psychology to teach on a range of courses and participate in the development of Psychology. Applicants must have a relevant degree in Psychology. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please email [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.

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### Sessional Lecturers

**Medway**  
**Salary:** £19.74 to £28.28 per hour including holiday  
**Closing Date:** Friday, 18 July 2008

The College is currently looking to recruit dynamic and enthusiastic Sessional Lecturers in Health Care, Child Care & Public Services to deliver programmes from foundation to level 3. Previous experience in relevant field essential and teaching experience would be advantageous. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please email [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.

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### Supply Lecturers in Animal Care and Land Based Studies

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
Various hours available.  
**To apply/more information:** Personnel Office  
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**Quoting Job Ref:** Post S/AL  
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Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Supply Lecturers in Equine Studies

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
Various hours available.  
**To apply/more information:** Personnel Office  
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### Teacher / Instructor of Construction

**Ashford**  
**Salary:** Salary negotiable  
**Closing Date:** 18th July 2008  
We are seeking a teacher / instructor with the ability and interest to deliver NVQ / Btec / New diploma qualifications for students aged 14-19 years. We will provide an extremely supportive environment for you to support students in realising their potential. Why this job might be right for you: • Joining a school with a good Ofsted report at all Key Stages including Post 16 education • Excellent provision for students in Years 10,11,12 and 13 • Purpose built provision for Construction • Attractive salary and job security • Guaranteed commitment and opportunities to develop. For an informal visit to the school please contact Justin Davey. Applications are by CV and covering letter by email or fax on 01233 628326 or post. Please mark for the attention of Mrs Kyla Weedon.

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### Teaching Assistant

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- A brand new school.
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- A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways.
- A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another.
- A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students.
- We are looking for a committed professional who:-
- Can motivate pupils through the curriculum.
- Has the desire to make the difference.
- Is focussed on developing their career further.

For an application pack please contact Miss Jill McKenna on 01622 717341 or email your request to [jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk)

Jill McKenna  
Aylesford School - Sports College  
**Quoting Job Ref:** JM/001  
Tel: 01622 717341  
Email [jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk)

### Teaching Assistant/ Higher Level Teaching Assistant

**Ashford**  
**Salary:** KS3 - Teaching Assistant KS7 - for HLTA hours  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
We are looking for an experienced teaching assistant who wishes to advance their career to become an HLTA or an existing HLTA to join the team at Victoria Road Primary. The primary focus of the post will be to work under the direction of a teacher as part of the professional team to support learning activities for pupils. When qualified as an HLTA, they will deliver lessons set by or with teachers. The successful candidate will have achieved a recognised qualification at level 2 or above in English/Literacy, Maths/ Numeracy and be computer literate. Victoria Road is a "Good" school (Ofsted July 2007) and has a friendly learning environment, and a good relationship with parents and the local community. The children are enthusiastic and well behaved. If you are interested in this post, please contact Mrs Liz Steele for an application pack by phone or email. This post is subject to an enhanced CRB check. Interview Date: 25th July 2008.

**To apply/more information:** Victoria Road Primary School  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 01233 620044  
Email [school@victoria-road.kent.sch.uk](mailto:school@victoria-road.kent.sch.uk)

### Technician - Motorcycles

**Dover**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** 5pm on Wednesday 16th July 2008  
South Kent College welcomes students of all ages and offers an exciting range of courses from Entry Level up to Level 7. SKC's main campuses are located in Ashford, Dover and Folkestone. This includes the College's specialist Ashford School of Art and Design. To help students achieve their full potential, we have the following opportunities. 18.5 hours per week. Working as a





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**To apply/more information:** South Kent College  
Quoting Job Ref: S2144  
Tel: 0845 207 8222  
Email [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk)

### Technician in Engineering

**Medway**  
**Salary:** Support Grade B: £15,057 - £18,534  
**Closing Date:** Friday, 18 July 2008  
As a member of the Engineering & Construction Crafts team you will undertake all support duties associated with the Engineering workshops as directed by teaching or instructing staff. You will have experience working in an Engineering environment and/or have an HNC in Engineering. Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please email [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.  
**To apply/more information:** Mid Kent College  
Quoting Job Ref: JU06  
Tel: 01634 845402  
Email [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk)

### Trainer Demonstrator Animal Care and Land Based

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
18.5 hrs per week.  
**To apply/more information:** Personnel Office  
Canterbury College  
Quoting Job Ref: Post D13  
Tel: 01227 811282  
(24hr answerphone)  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Tutor - KCC Project Supervisory and Performance Management Courses

**Folkestone**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** 5pm on Wednesday 16th July 2008  
You will create and deliver a range of short courses (3-6 hours in duration) on the KCC Care Project across a variety of locations. You will be responsible for the management of students learning, all design, delivery and evaluation of training events. The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the

above vacancies is 5pm on Wednesday 16th July 2008. For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk) or visit [www.southkent.ac.uk](http://www.southkent.ac.uk).  
**To apply/more information:** South Kent College  
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### Tutor - KCC Project Nursing qualification

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**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** 5pm on Wednesday 16th July 2008  
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### Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

### Embedded Software Engineer

**Margate**  
**Salary:** TBC  
TVOne is a leading UK manufacturer of Audio & Video conversion products for the Pro AV, Broadcast and Live Events markets. We are looking for an experienced embedded software designer to enhance our R&D team. Your role will include designing and developing the software to control our CORIO video processing engine, video encoders & decoders and design of user interfaces for our latest HD video processing products. Key Skill Set: • Multi-threading & Multi-tasking software design skills. • Very Strong C programming for embedded systems. • Comfortable with software and hardware debugging. • Experience of 32 Bit Micro processors in embedded product design. To apply contact: Amanda Mallett, TV One Ltd. Unit V, Continental Approach, Westwood Industrial Estate, Margate, Kent. CT9 4JG.  
**To apply/more information:** Amanda Mallett  
TVOne  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01843 873300  
Email [recruit.europe@tvone.com](mailto:recruit.europe@tvone.com)

### Engineering Apprentices

**Rochester**  
**Salary:** tba  
Electrical, Mechanical and Instrumentation, Manufacturing and Production. Are you considering an Engineering Apprenticeship to enable you to Earn as You Learn? If you are aged between 16 - 25 and have or expect to gain 4 GCSE's at grade C or above or equivalent, including Maths, English and Science please send your CV to Kim Hollands.  
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IPS International Ltd  
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Email [kimhollands@ips-international.com](mailto:kimhollands@ips-international.com)

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### Graduate, Trainees

### GRADUATE TEACHER PROGRAMME

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**To apply/more information:** Gill Taylor  
Northfleet Technology College  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Email [taylorg@ntc.kent.sch.uk](mailto:taylorg@ntc.kent.sch.uk)

### HR, Recruitment

### Human Resources Officer

**Sittingbourne**  
**Salary:** c.£21 - £23k  
**Closing Date:** 14th July, 2008  
Demeiza Hospice Care for Children provides specialist care and support to children with life limiting conditions and their families. Based from our hospice in Sittingbourne, you will undertake some travel to other sites in Kent, East Sussex and south London, providing generalist support and advice to line managers and employees. With 150 multi disciplinary employees across 3 sites, plus a number of retail outlets, and 750 volunteers, you will be a competent generalist who enjoys the whole spectrum of HR practice and can be innovative to problem

solving and thorough in delivery of a number of concurrent projects. Working within a small HR team you will be a strong team player and have some understanding of the charity/voluntary sector with an appreciation for the diversity of disciplines you will be supporting. With a minimum of a CIPD CPP and previous experience in a generalist role, you will enjoy a challenge and be self motivated in keeping your knowledge of all relevant issues up to date, demonstrating recent personal CPD. You will need a driving license, willingness to travel, and an ability to re-prioritize a changing workload. You will need previous experience of recruitment, all aspects of performance management, including appraisal systems, capability and disciplinary issues, contracts of employment, and all aspect of employee relations. Informal visits and chats warmly welcomed with Lavinia Jarrett, Head of Human Resources on 01795 845207. For an application pack contact Recruitment Line on 01795 845295. Visit our website on [www.demeiza.org.uk](http://www.demeiza.org.uk) Enhanced Disclosure checks by the CRB will be undertaken for successful applicants. Demeiza is an equal opportunities employer and operates a no smoking policy. Registered Charity No. 1039651. Rook Lane, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8DZ.  
**To apply/more information:** Lavinia Jarrett  
Demeiza House  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01795 845207  
Email [info@demeiza.org.uk](mailto:info@demeiza.org.uk)

### Information Tech, Internet, Telecoms

### IT Network Technician

**Sittingbourne**  
**Salary:** salary circa £20k  
**Closing Date:** 23rd July, 2008  
We require a knowledgeable and highly adaptable individual to provide a fast and efficient IT service for our 5 servers, 140 workstations and 55 printer and copiers. Our IT capability will expand to keep pace with our business needs and you will need previous experience of a similar role. The post is full time (an average of 37 hours per week) with extensive travel to all Demeiza locations and a degree of flexible working. You must demonstrate:-  
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**To apply/more information:** Demeiza House  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01795 845295  
Email [info@demeiza.org.uk](mailto:info@demeiza.org.uk)

### Junior Technical Support Officer

**Ashford**  
**Salary:** Up to £16,416 pa  
**Closing Date:** Monday 4th August 2008  
An internal reorganisation means that we are looking for enthusiastic individuals to complement our existing team in providing planned and responsive ICT support. You will help provide first line support for all the council's ICT desktop equipment. Essential skills needed include: • Strong customer facing and customer care skills including the ability to communicate efficiently by email, telephone and face to face • Sound knowledge of PC hardware, Microsoft Windows operating systems and Microsoft Office applications Interviews will be held on: 26th August 2008 For an application form and further details please contact Personnel and Development, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford Kent or e-mail us.  
**To apply/more information:** Ashford Borough Council  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Email [recruitment@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment@ashford.gov.uk)

### Web Analyst/ Programmer

**Ashford**  
**Salary:** Up to £20,232 pa  
**Closing Date:** Monday 4th August 2008  
To assist with the design and implementation of a wide range of information systems. Essential skills needed include:  
• Knowledge of ASP.NET, Visual Basic and .Net framework 2.0  
• Experience of working as part of a development team  
Any understanding of project management methods and web interface design would be an advantage. For an informal discussion please contact, Rob Neil. For an application form and further details please contact Personnel and Development, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford Kent or e-mail us. Interviews will be held on: 27th August 2008  
**To apply/more information:** Rob Neil  
Ashford Borough Council  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01233 330850  
Email [recruitment@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment@ashford.gov.uk)

### Legal

### CRIME/ SOLICITOR

**Sheerness**  
**Salary:** TBC  
Required for North Kent firm with 2 offices & LSC contract. Please send your CV to Mrs J H Steadman, Christopher Harris & Co., 20 West Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1AB. [www.christopher-harris.org.uk](http://www.christopher-harris.org.uk)  
**To apply/more information:** Mrs J H Steadman  
Christopher Harris & Company  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: (01795) 437268  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Management, Senior Positions

### BSF Project Managers

**Maidstone**

**Salary:** £35,370, with progression through contribution related pay to £40,705 pa  
**Closing Date:** Midday, 24th July 2008  
The Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Team is part of a dynamic team responsible for delivering the Kent BSF and Academies programme for Kent County Council. Kent County Council was successful in obtaining funding through the national BSF programme which will see investment through a mix of new build and refurbishment of all secondary schools in Kent. For the purposes of delivering the programme KCC is currently undergoing a procurement process to select a private sector partner to deliver all of the construction projects to the secondary estate in Gravesham, Thanet and Swale. Following the conclusion of the first procurement, KCC intends to procure a further two partners who will deliver to the rest of the County. We are seeking to appoint two Project Managers (Site Liaison/ Construction) to join this high profile team. You will be responsible for providing input during the procurement and lead up to construction works, management of the interface between the Contractor, KCC and schools during the construction phase, decant and building handover. You will work with the existing KCC BSF/PI and Academies Team, its external advisors, schools and other local stakeholders, as well as with Partnerships for Schools (PFS) and the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to ensure that local proposals facilitate delivery of the national objectives. You will have excellent organisational, communication and negotiation skills. You will need to demonstrate motivation, and the ability to work on your own or as part of a team. Previous experience of working with or within a construction environment as well as a current understanding of the Education sector is essential, with previous experience in procurement or the public sector an advantage. Interview date: 12th August 2008. Posts are fixed term until August 2009 Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. To apply, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs) Alternatively, please email. Please quote relevant reference number.  
**To apply/more information:** Kent County Council  
Quoting Job Ref: CFHE/08/0283  
Tel: 0845 8247 904  
Email [recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk)

**E-Learning Development Manager**  
**Tonbridge**  
**Salary:** £29,245 - £32,917 pa  
**Closing Date:** Thursday, 12 noon 17 July 2008  
We are one of the most successful colleges in the south east region providing further and higher education. We are committed to improving the diversity of our staff by offering a wide range of opportunities

including apprenticeships, flexible working and full and part-time positions. Why not look at what we can offer you. In this varied and challenging role you will have the opportunity to drive the future of e-learning in an environment where Moodle has recently been implemented. Driving ILT strategy throughout the College, you will work closely with staff and students alike - empowering them to use it innovatively and effectively in their teaching and learning activities. Along with a City & Guilds or Cert Ed or PGCE qualification, you must have reached at least Level 3 standard in Office 2003 or ideally 2007. Well organised and a gifted communicator, you will also bring us proven experience of developing, administering and teaching in virtual learning environments. Skills in XP Vista, website construction and network environments will additionally be important. All posts will require a Criminal Record Bureau Enhanced Disclosure Certificate. The benefits in joining us are immense: generous annual leave; flexible working benefits; full support including an on-site nursery; final salary pension; private health plan; Health & Fitness suite and more. For further details, a job description and an application form, please contact us.  
**To apply/more information:** West Kent College  
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Tel: 01732 376511  
Email [hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk](mailto:hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk)

### Production Manager

**Rainham**  
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For tool room & small batch quality work.  
**To apply/more information:** Ray Baigent  
Aerospace Tooling  
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### Team Leader

**Margate**  
**Salary:** £29,920, with progression through contribution related pay to £35,370 pa  
**Closing Date:** Midday, 18th July 2008  
Do you have experience of and commitment to working with young people, and could

you support and offer guidance to other colleagues? If so, you will be a team leader who is bright, full of ideas and enjoys using their initiative, joining our dedicated and highly effective staff team. The primary function of this role is to manage and support the Kent Safe Schools Alternative Curriculum Provision at the Westwood Centre. We are developing an innovative project designed to meet the holistic educational needs of those who have been identified at risk of permanent exclusion in Key Stage Four within an off-school setting for fifty young people. This potentially challenging yet highly rewarding role will encourage an organised, innovative and young person's focussed approach to education, working effectively with the curriculum to provide core subjects, vocational experiences and the development of an inclusive approach to wider supportive services and the extended schools agenda. The role will include working alongside staff, agencies, schools, communities, parents and young people to identify opportunities to establish robust working partnerships. You will manage the provision of full time education for the young people and also have a shared responsibility for supporting other staff in a similar area, with a particular focus on the co ordination of services, induction and training. We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector. Post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. To apply, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs) Alternatively, please email. Please quote relevant reference number.  
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Quoting Job Ref: CFHE/08/0272  
Tel: 0845 8247 904  
Email [recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk)

### Motor Trade, Driver

### Cleaner

**Sittingbourne**  
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Required for local accident repair business. Apply by CV or call for interview.  
**To apply/more information:** Paul Goddard/Gary Gregory  
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### Estimator Sittingbourne



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### Experienced Car Salesperson

**Maidstone**  
**Salary:** £25 - £35K OTE  
Ideally you will have a main dealer background and be FSA approved. You will be used to performing to targets and have excellent customer communication skills. Maidstone Hyundai are a well established dealer with a pedigree of over 19 years which has been achieved by giving exceptional customer service. We pride ourselves in looking after our staff with excellent working conditions, an extremely competitive salary package and all the benefits one would expect with a long established dealer.  
**To apply/more information:**  
Maidstone Hyundai  
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Email  
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### Motor Vehicle Technician

**London**  
**Salary:** Starting at £9.50 per hour plus additional bonuses  
Elmside Garage requires a Motor Vehicle Technician with circa 5 years main dealer experience. You will also be required to work one Saturday morning in three for which you will be paid overtime. The hours of work are 8.30 until 5.30 with 1 hour for lunch. Please send a CV to Steven Styles, Elmside Garage, 35-37 Upper Elmers End Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3QY or by email.  
**To apply/more information:**  
Steven Styles  
Elmside Skoda  
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Email steven.styles@elmsideskoda.co.uk

### Painters

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Required for local accident repair centre. Apply by CV or call for interview.  
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### Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

### Community Carers and Domestic Carers

**Folkestone**  
**Salary:** TBA  
Due to an expanding service, we require Community Carers & Domestic Carers to join our team in Folkestone/Hythe & Surrounding Villages. Experience preferred but not essential as all training is provided. • Must have own transport • Be flexible with working hours. • Work alternate weekends All posts are subject to enhanced disclosure  
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### Deputy Manager

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### Exciting Opportunities for Nurses

**Kent**  
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Company Health Ltd, a leading OH provider, is looking for screening nurses to carry out lifestyle checks for a public sector employer in Kent. No OH experience is necessary as full training will be given. This is a peripatetic role which would be suitable for RNs with an interest in health promotion. The role is available on either a F/T or P/T basis with very competitive rates. This is a great opportunity for RNs looking to get into occupational health as there is potential for progression for the right candidates. If you enjoy working in a close-knit, supportive team, please forward your CV to Ellie Nelson at enquiries-sth@companyhealth.co.uk.  
**To apply/more information:**  
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Company Health  
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Tel: 0870 4142 331  
Email enquiries-sth@companyhealth.co.uk

### Foster Carers Required

**Kent**  
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We are currently seeking carers with experience of an interest in caring for: Teenagers/13+ age range, Siblings groups, Children with high needs in relation to physical disabilities, Children with autistic spectrum disorders, young people seeking asylum in this country, young people remanded to the care of their local authority, a young person, who is a parent of about to be come a parent. You must: Have children no younger than 8 years old living at home, have a supportive network of family and friends, be over 25 single or a couple, have at least one spare bedroom, be prepared to attend monthly comprehensive training, be able to work to high standards with a diverse group of young people. We offer: a stakeholder pension, three weeks paid respite, a comprehensive training and development programme, 24 hour support from an experienced and child focused team, a professional fee of up to £420.00 per week for each child, golden hello and annual retention payments, activity and holiday allowances.  
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MCHH  
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Tel: 07763 108191  
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**Maidstone**  
**Salary:** £15,760-£16,603 (pay award pending)  
**Closing Date:** 21st July 2008  
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**To apply/more information:**  
Bill Wood  
MCHH  
Quoting Job Ref: 363/KOS  
Tel: 07858 757288  
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKER (YOS)

**Folkestone**  
**Salary:** SCP 26 – 31 £21,412 - £25,320 (pay award pending) + Essential Car User Allowance  
**Closing Date:** 25th July 2008  
COVERING DOVER, FOLKESTONE & ASHFORD KCA Young Persons' Service delivers specialist, young person-centred drug and alcohol services to those aged 10 – 17. It provides advice, information, support and prevention initiatives, ongoing casework and intensive interventions. We have been commissioned since 2005 to provide substance misuse services to the Kent Youth Offending Service. This post will cover the Dover, Folkestone and Ashford areas, offering assessment and ongoing casework to young offenders referred by the Young Offender Teams in those areas. We are looking for an outgoing, self-motivated, committed person with a good knowledge of drug/alcohol issues, who can demonstrate the ability to work creatively and effectively with young offenders. Previous experience of working with young offenders is essential. Previous applicants need not apply. For application forms and further information, contact: KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Telephone or email. www.kca.org.uk.  
**To apply/more information:**  
KCA (UK)  
Quoting Job Ref: 483  
Tel: 01795 590635  
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### Male or Female Senior Support Worker

**Sittingbourne**  
**Salary:** TBC  
Male or Female Senior Support Worker Vacancy available at our Residential Home in Sheerness NVQ Level 3 required. This post will involve up to two sleep-ins per week. Will need to have 6 months experience working with ALD. Clean British driving licence required. Previous applicants need not apply  
**To apply/more information:**  
Lisa Allen  
Forward Care  
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**LARKFIELD PRIORY HOTEL LIMITED**  
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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5DB, on 21 July 2008 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Leonard Curtis, Regent House, Bath Avenue, Wolverhampton, WV1 4EG, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the meeting of creditors.  
Dated: 8 July 2008  
Ashok Sharma, Director

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Dated: 4 July 2008  
By Order of the Board  
Adrian Perrett, Director

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Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Andrew Tate and Nedim Ailayan, of Abbott Fielding, Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5DB, are qualified to act as Insolvency Practitioners in relation to the above Company, and will furnish Creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.  
By Order of the Board  
Shuan Lambe, Chairman  
Dated: 1 July 2008

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Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Andrew Tate and Nedim Ailayan, of Abbott Fielding, Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5DB, are qualified to act as Insolvency Practitioners in relation to the above Company, and will furnish Creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.  
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**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
CASTLE HILL & MANOR LANE, HARTLEY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Castle Hill, Hartley between its junctions with Valley Road and Ash Road, and on Manor Lane, Hartley from its junction with Church Road to the end of the Cul de Sac.

The Order will become effective on 28th July 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last for up to three days on each road. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Castle Hill - Valley Road, Fawkham Road, Main Road, Hartley Road and Ash Road.

Manor Road - There is no alternative route.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Gripfibre works to be undertaken in the carriageway.

Please Note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
ARNOLDS LANE, SUTTON AT HONE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Arnold Lane, Sutton at Hone between its junctions with B258 Top Dartford Road and A225 Main Road.

The Order will become effective on 14th July 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last for two days and commence on 15th July 2008. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A225 Main Road, Ship Lane, Wood Street (Swanley), Swanley Village Road, Highlands Hill, B258 Main Road, B258 Top Dartford Road (Swanley & Hextable)

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the renewal of an overhead cable and tree cutting works on behalf of BT. Please Note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works.

**Highways - Borough of Dartford and District of Sevenoaks**

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
DARTFORD HALF MARATHON (VARIOUS ROADS) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is held on or near the highway the Kent County Council had made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads as noted in Schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 14th July 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the event is planned to take place on Sunday 20th July between the hours of 08:00 and 11:00 or until Kent Police feel it is safe to reopen the roads. These closures and will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

Schedule 1.

Roman Villa Road - Between Darenth Hill and Holmesdale Hill  
Shrubbery Road, South Darenth - Between Holmesdale Hill and New Road

Rabbits Road, Nr Longfield - Between New Road and Canada Farm Road

Canada Farm Road, Nr Longfield - Between Rabbits Road and Green Street Green Road

The alternative route for the routes described above will be via: Main Road, Sutton at Hone, Station Road, Horton Road, Holmesdale Road, Holmesdale Hill, Gills Road and Green Street Green Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the Dartford Half Marathon taking place.

**Highways - Borough of Maidstone**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(HUBBARDS HILL, LENHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council

intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on Hubbards Hill, Lenham on or after Monday 28th July 2008 when required for 7 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above for southbound traffic is via Rayners Hill & A20 (Ashford Road) & northbound visa versa.

EDF Energy apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to provide a new electrical supply, should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Steve Bicknell of Murphy Ltd on 07920150789.

**Highways - District of Sevenoaks**

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
STATION ROAD, EDENBRIDGE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Station Road, Edenbridge between its junctions with Pit Lane and Fircroft Way.

The Order will become effective on 28th July 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last for 2 weeks. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the route described above will be via - Light Vehicles - Swan Lane, Four Elms Road, Station Road and HGV/Buses - Station Road, Main Road, Kent Hatch Road, Westerham Road, Godstone Road, Oxted Road, Godstone Bypass, Eastbourne Road, London Road, Moat Road, Holte Road, Hartfield Road, Mill Hill.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate repairs to be undertaken to the over road, railway bridge.

Please Note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
PARK LANE AND BLACKHALL LANE, SEAL (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Park Lane between A25 High Street and Blackhall Lane and on Blackhall Lane between Park Lane and Seal Hollow Road. These closures will be effective separately.

The Order will become effective on 28th July 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last for a total of 12 weeks. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the route described above will be via -

Park Lane - A25 High Street/Seal Road, Seal Hollow Road, Blackhall Lane

Blackhall Lane - Seal Hollow Road, A25 Seal Road/High Street, Park Lane

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Gas Main replacement works

Please Note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
SHOREHAM LANE, HALSTEAD & STUART CLOSE, HEXTABLE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Shoreham Lane, Halstead between the roundabout with A224 and its junction with Station Road, and on Stuart Close, Hextable from its junction with Victoria Hill Road to the end of Cul de Sac.

The Order will become effective on 28th July 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last for two days on each road. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Shoreham Lane, Halstead - Old London Road, Watercroft Road and Station Road.

Stuart Close, Hextable - There is no alternative route.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Gripfibre works to be undertaken in the carriageway.

Please Note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
CHURCH ROAD, SEVENOAKS WEALD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Church Road, Sevenoaks Weald 100 metres either side of Rowan House.

The Order will become effective on 28th July 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last for two weeks. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Glebe Road and Windmill Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Highway Drainage Works.

Please Note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
CHEVENING ROAD, CHIPSTEAD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Chevening Road, Chipstead from Chipstead Square to property numbered 101.

The Order will become effective on 28th July 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last for nine weeks. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via Ovenden/Chevening Road, A25 Westerham Road, Homedean Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new gas main.

Please Note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
ASH ROAD, NEW ASH GREEN (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Ash Road, New Ash Green between its junctions with North Ash Road and Millfield Lane.

The Order will become effective on 28th July 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last for 10 nights between 7pm and midnight. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the route described above will be via - Chapel Wood Road and Ash Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway Resurfacing works.

Please Note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
BURLINGS LANE, KNOCKHOLT (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Burlings Lane, Knockholt between its junctions with Shellys Lane and Main Road.

The Order will become effective on 14th July 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last 2 days in the following 2 weeks. These closures and will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Shellys Lane and Main Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the removal of a dangerous tree.

**Highways - District of Thanet**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(ARCHWAY ROAD, RAMSGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because utility service connection works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent

County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Archway Road, Ramsgate for its entire length on or after 28th July 2008 for an estimated period of 2 Weeks or until such works are complete.

There is no alternative route for this road as no through traffic.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(WILDERNESS HILL MARGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because crane lifting works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Wilderness Hill Margate from its junction with Northdown Road to its junction with Clarendon Road on or after 28th July 2008 for a estimated period of three days within a three week period when appropriate signage is on site.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Northdown Road, Trinity Square, Trinity Hill, King Street and Dane Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(TRINITY SQUARE, MARGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new electricity supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Trinity Square from o/s No. 26 on or after 29th July 2008 for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Trinity Square and Fort Crescent.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(COTTAGE ROAD RAMSGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Cottage Road Ramsgate from the junction with Albion Mews to the junction with Wellington Crescent on or after 30th July 2008 for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Wellington Crescent, Plains of Waterloo, La Belle Alliance Square, Hibernia Street and Cottage Road.

**Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling**

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHITE COTTAGE ROAD, TONBRIDGE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on White Cottage Road, Tonbridge for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 28th July 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last for 15 days. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

There is no alternative route for the route described above.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway Resurfacing works.

Please Note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
BEECHIN WOOD LANE, PLATT (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Beechin Wood Lane, Platt between its junctions with Badgers Oast and Green Acres.

The Order will become effective on 28th July 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last for 2 weeks. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the route described above will be via Comp Lane and Long Mill Lane.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the removal of overhead cables and relocation underground

Please Note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works.

**For further information, please contact Geoff Mee,  
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## Skoda pressurised by act of Superb bravery

By **STEVE LOADER**

### IS Skoda brave or foolhardy?

Not only does it call for a lot of nerve to name a car 'Superb', but supreme levels of confidence when your brand once had a reputation for building cars the very opposite of superb.

But the Czech marque will quickly point out that it made its name and the original Superb models before WWII, as pre-communist Czechoslovakia's equivalent of Rolls-Royce.

Nevertheless, it was probably only the sheer value and VW underpinnings of Skoda's first modern-day Superb (2002-present) that saved the brand from a public drubbing for daring to revive the name.

Closer examination revealed a long wheelbase clone from the previous generation VW Passat, with all the unsettled chassis faults of that car.

### Comfort

On the other hand, the Superb was nearly that if you needed lots of rear legroom and straight-line comfort, did a lot of towing or ran a cut-price chauffeur operation by day and an upmarket mini-cab operation by night.

However, I suspect that nobody need make excuses for the next generation Superb due in a few weeks' time.

Yes, it will be ridiculously cheap again – from £15,490 – for an executive class model, but it also proves that the Czech brand is being allowed to pursue an individual design course away from its VW Group parent.

Mechanicals and engines will naturally come from the VW collective, but the car has



**FANTASTIC VALUE:** New Skoda Superb – a whole lot of car for a ridiculously cheap £15,490

its own styling this time and an innovative boot-cum-hatchback that should please all markets, plus keep cabbies happy when the car starts to filter into the used sector.

Despite a shorter wheelbase this time, Skoda engineers and designers have also somehow created a roomier cabin.

As usual, Skoda's spec levels will be embarrassingly generous. Even the junior S trim comes with seven airbags, split folding rear seats, climate control, electric windows all round, electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors, 16-inch alloys, electronic stability control and front fog lights.

In short, while the new Superb has an executive aura, it will undermine ever-dwindling

volumes for formerly big players in the mainstream family saloon/hatchback sector – one already abandoned by makers such as Nissan.

It will also surely banish the pathetic remnants of old Skoda jokes I suspect are remembered more by the female half of the population than the more petrolhead-savvy male half. "Oh, I couldn't possibly drive a Skoda, darling," was one classic I overheard – I'm not kidding.

In some quarters though, it has become cool to drive a high-spec Octavia vRS or 4x4. How long before 'Superb' is recognised as fact?

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# FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader



## Brera 'special' signals Alfa Romeo ambition

AT FIRST sight, it seems small beer to tweak Alfa Romeo's gorgeous looking Brera coupe to be more at home on British roads.

On the other hand it signals the charismatic Italian brand's determination to break free from its 'Alfa freak' fanbase and create a driver's car that can win new recruits, polish its image and build UK market share – currently up nearly seven per cent in 2008 against an overall market decline of nearly two per cent.

So there is more about the 500 Brera S numbered special editions than meets the eye.

Britain's world-leading motorsport specialist, Prodrive, has spent a year tuning the

coupe to 'shrink' the car around the driver to deliver better feedback and handling.

It is lighter, lower and stiffer and Alfa Romeo's UK marketing chief Nicholas Bernard claims: "The Alfa Brera S isn't simply about brute force, it's about how the available power is transferred to the road and how the road surface is communicated back to the driver to bring new levels of sports handling and driver-focused confidence and involvement."

Power comes from 185bhp 2.2 JTS or 260bhp 3.2 V6 JTS petrol units and Brera S prices start at £24,950 – adding about £1,500 to that of equivalent standard cars.

## Spurs applied to speed revised Bentley saloon

BENTLEY launches new developments for its Continental Flying Spur range at the motor show at ExCel, London, later this month.

Firstly, the car has been subtly changed front and rear with a more upright grille and new rear bumper, plus enhanced levels of comfort, choice and acoustic glazing, though our recent road test showed that refinement was already impressive.

In addition to the 'standard' 552bhp model, the VW-owned marque has also added a 600bhp



Flying Spur Speed version with more performance and "intense levels of driver engagement" in the manner of the existing Continental GT Speed two-door model.

The new version is distinguished by dark-tinted radiator and air intake grilles, wider rifled exhaust tail pipes and unique 20-inch multi-spoke alloys.

## New 'baby' Audi SUV arriving soon

AUDI plans to slot a smaller SUV into its line-up later this year.

The Q5 will sit below the big Q7 and should be a leisure 4x4 more suited to straitened times.

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# 'The Future is green' – take two

by  
**STEVELOADER**

GREEN issues dominated the first British International Motor Show at Excel in London two years ago, but they were driven up a blind alley.

The industry, led by Ford, saw the immediate future in bio power. It was hailed as a way to have our cake and eat it by eking more life out of existing internal combustion investment, while cutting emissions and, hopefully, global warming.

It also offered the virtuous circle of encouraging more agriculture, thereby increasing CO2 consumption by crops, while cutting CO2 emissions from exhaust pipes.

It sounded good to me, especially with the 'holy grail' of clean hydrogen power still some years off.

With the wisdom of hindsight, we know

## At the show **Ford**



Ford's new Fiesta includes this low-emission ECOnetic version.

## At the show **Nissan**



It's very white and very green. The **Denki Cube Concept** (denki is Japanese for electric) is a Nissan design for an eco-friendly small car. Before you dismiss it as pie-in-the-sky PR, the Denki is based on the current Cube – one of Nissan's most popular cars on the domestic market.

the bio-power argument was flawed; diverting crops into maintaining the motoring status quo – particularly in the gas-guzzling USA – is morally unsustainable as a soaring world population places more demand on food production.

I hope the next show (July 23-August 3) allows me to report joined-up thinking on the green front this time, rather than a quick fix to suit the big and influential American-based motor giants and their greedy home market.

Ford UK has bounced back on the environmental front though; it claims a 38 per cent surge in registrations for its low-emission (sub-120g/km CO2) models and this is ahead of an all-new Fiesta supermini range unveiled, including a low-emission ECOnetic version.

Mercedes-Benz sister brand Smart will exhibit its frugal Fortwo city car – volumes are 80 per cent up this year – and a Smart Ed electric version currently under test with some UK customers.

But the argument rages whether electric power simply transfers emissions from the exhaust pipe to the power station, unless we embrace nuclear power and all the pros and cons of that energy source.

Toyota and Honda will argue, after some weighty investment, that hybrid petrol/diesel-electric hybrids are the answer and are always ready to drive rather than needing a re-charge.

The counter is that motorway use of hybrids drives their fuel consumption up to conventional levels, while battery disposal/recycling continues to be an environmental worry.

Which brings us to the hydrogen option; despite its commitment to hybrids in the short to medium term – it plans to launch a more affordable model here next year – Honda has started production of its FCX Clarity hydrogen fuel cell car.

At the heart of this new venture, on trial around the world with selected customers, is a fuel cell stack that harnesses reaction between hydrogen and oxygen to produce electrical energy to drive the car's wheels – the only emission is water.

## At the show **Honda**



The current Honda Civic Hybrid will gain a cheaper UK sister next year, but Honda says hydrogen power is its ultimate goal.

## At the show **Toyota**



Toyota launches the iQ early in 2009, described as a premium ultra compact model less than 3m long yet able to carry three adults plus a child in comfort within a cabin wider and longer than a Toyota Yaris.

## New Insignia to take a bow at motor show

VAUXHALL'S dramatic-looking Insignia makes its world debut at the London show.

The new saloon's bulk might be out of step with current environmental concerns and the trend towards downsizing, but Vauxhall parent General Motors hopes to position this Vectra replacement further upmarket to take on the likes of Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz.

Insignia sales may be fewer, but there should be less pressure to discount and more prestige for Vauxhall's Griffin badge, which has also had a re-work in line with the brand's grander market ambitions.

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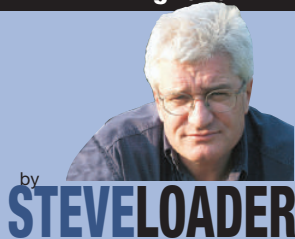
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## DrivingReview



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## Skoda Fabia Greenline

VOLKSWAGEN has shrewdly avoided the pitfalls of grouping several brands under one roof.

There are common platforms, engines and other ancillaries, but core brands VW, Audi, Seat and Skoda are reasonably free to take a single brief and strike out in their own direction – a point shown by three quite different eco superminis from within the group.

The VW Polo Bluemotion is a green tour de force that goes to great lengths to slash weight, boost economy and throttle emissions so much that it avoids road tax altogether.

But it starts at £12,125.

### Impressive

Seat's Ibiza Ecomotive (from £10,999) is much cheaper and also escapes tax-free, though an all-new Ibiza out now suggests the green Spaniard will not dally long to milk any applause. Let's hope an even better model version replaces it.

So, it falls to Skoda to deliver an eco-alternative from the VW group that is also keenly priced. The result is the Greenline – based on the all-new Fabia design launched last year.

The Greenline is impressive on paper, start-

# Greenline travel



**ECO-ALTERNATIVE:** The Fabia Greenline is Skoda's attempt at rivaling Volkswagen's Bluemotion series, but is it taking the fun out of driving?

ing at a reasonable £11,495 for the hatchback and £12,145 for the estate tested here; a conventional Fabia with the same engine and similar spec costs around £200 less – cash you recover quickly via the Greenline's fuel savings.

For the Greenline can average around 70mpg and will cut your emissions to 109g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>, but not enough to qualify for road tax exemption – the Greenline is anchored in band-B (£35/year).

And while Skoda can swear that the estate is actually the greenest, leanest and most competitively priced in its class, our list of rivals shows there are precious few supermini estates though there are some interesting alternatives with reasonably green options in their line-up.

Nevertheless, the Greenline is a good effort at the price and achieves its miserliness with 'quick-fix' measures we are likely to see more and more on the market: narrower tyres,

improved aerodynamics beneath the chassis through raising the front bumper by 35mm, plus weight saved by replacing the spare tyre with a puncture repair kit.

The five-speed gearbox also has 'taller ratios', but there is a price that we are all going to have to face sooner or later as we are forced towards greener motoring – the Greenline takes a lot of pleasure out of driving.

Sure the Fabia range generally grips, handles and rides better than many in the super-

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# saves at a price



mini segment, but the Greenline's 80bhp 1.4-litre engine is both a three-cylinder and a diesel, a double-disadvantage on the refinement front as you labour up through those spaced gears.

The only time the racket fades is during motorway cruising, when you also have the satisfaction of knowing that the tall fifth gear enables the car to sip fuel, making the Greenline ideal for a regular and increasingly expensive daily commute.

Skoda has also made the latest Fabia a brighter place to be; endless dark trimming of the cabin in the old car has been replaced by a two-tone scheme.

As before, the quality of the materials is robust while the dashboard is well-organised, with decent stowage.

Space front and back is generous for this class too and the estate works well, delivering 480 litres of boot space or 1,460 of load space with seats folded, compared with 300/1,168 for



the hatch. There are also some clever features, such as the 'bendy bin' that clips to the side of the boot and fences in loose items or shopping.

But is this Fabia Greenline a sign of sacrifices to come for drivers or is there an easier route to going green?

## DrivingStats

- Skoda Fabia Greenline Estate £12,145
- Range: £8,100-13,785
- Garage stats: 4.24m by 1.64m four-door estate
- Powertrain: 1,422cc/80bhp three-cylinder turbodiesel driving front wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox
- Performance: top speed 105mph and 0-62 in 13.7 seconds
- How green?: road tax band-B (£35/yr), CO2 emissions/109g per km
- Official fuel figures: combined 68.9 mpg
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): n/a but hatchback scores \*\*\*\*
- Fuel tank: 45 litres/9.9 gallons
- Insurance group: 3E
- Warranty: three years/60,000 miles
- Website: www.skoda.co.uk
- Rivals: Honda Jazz, Hyundai i30 Estate, Kia Ceed SW, Mitsubishi Colt, Nissan Note, Peugeot 207SW, Renault Clio Sport Tourer or Modus, Seat Altea, and Vauxhall Meriva.

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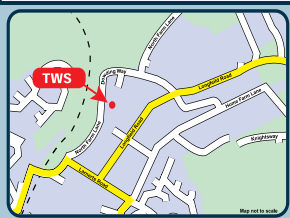
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## Business expertise is academic

TWO key academic business appointments have been announced this week – one at the University of Kent, the other at the University of Greenwich in Medway.

Orpington resident Dr Martin Davies is to join Greenwich's biggest research base, which is on its Medway campus at Chatham Maritime, as director of research and enterprise.

He is currently director of KnowledgeEast, a business-focused network of eight universities and colleges.

He will manage the university's £8 million research and consultancy portfolio, ensuring that business and the pub-

lic sector can make the most of its expertise.

Multinationals and government agencies from around the world do business with the university, alongside small and medium-sized enterprises in Kent and along the Thames Gateway.

Working with more than 200 expert researchers and consultants across the university of Greenwich, Dr Davies will head a team of specialist business development managers.

Professor Paul Phillips has been confirmed as the new director of Kent Business School at Kent University.

He has been acting director for seven

months. Prof Phillips said: "My priority is to improve the performance of the school in relation to research, teaching, innovation and enterprise."

"I look forward to developing stronger partnerships and networks."

He previously held the Charles Forte Chair of Hotel Management at the University of Surrey.

Prior to that he was lecturer in financial management at Cardiff Business School.

His research interests are performance measurement, organisational effectiveness, e-business strategy, travel and tourism, and e-procurement.



EXPERT: Martin Davies

# Investment lifts gloom

KENT came up with some good news this week as the nation prepared to face a recession over the next few months.

While the British Chambers of Commerce warned that the credit squeeze and rising costs cast the shadow of an economic downturn, increasing inward investment figures for the county shone some light in the gloom.

The figures, released by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda) and the Government's UK Trade and Investment group (UKTI), showed that foreign companies investing in the county will create and safeguard more than 820 jobs over the next three years.

But even those two normally highly optimistic organisations, which work closely to assess and collate inward investment information over the course of each financial year, sounded a warning for the next 12 months.

A statement said: "We have to be realistic and know there may be a decline in inward

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investment into the UK during 2008-09 because of the general global economic slowdown – but this is also likely to happen in many other countries."

In Kent the figures for jobs created and safeguarded earmarked for the next three years are more than double the figures announced last year – 307 jobs created and 520 safeguarded.

For the whole of the South East region, about 2,490 jobs will be created and 1,590 safeguarded over the next three years.

Paul Wookey, chief executive of investment promotion agency Locate in Kent, said: "This year's record results published by UKTI confirm the significant role foreign direct investment plays in the UK economy and the local economy in Kent."

"The report also reflects Locate in Kent's successful year in terms of attracting a record

number of companies to the county and increasing job creation by 42 per cent on last year.

"We are proud of Kent's contribution in the life sciences sector, which was highlighted in UKTI's report."

"East Kent had a particularly successful year in this sector, with German company PARTEC, which specialises in measuring devices for the life sciences sector, opening an office at the Canterbury Enterprise Hub, and Boston-based Solace Pharmaceuticals establishing a wholly-owned subsidiary near Canterbury."

"The report also alludes to the important links between SAIC, one of the world's top defence contractors, and the Biometrics Institute of the University of Kent."

"The economic downturn and the lack of availability of funds in the UK show that attracting international companies to Kent is now more important than ever."

"We share the county council's ambitious plans for Kent and we need to continually

engage with the emerging economies in India and China as well as the more developed markets in Europe, such as France."

KCC's cabinet member for regeneration, Cllr Roger Gough, said: "This is very good news for Kent. It shows the value to the county's economy of KCC's substantial support for Locate in Kent."

Meanwhile, Seeda poured cold water on recent reports that it had axed funding to the Prince's Trust, which helps youngsters get into business.

In a statement it said that last year it awarded the trust a grant to work on a pilot with Seeda's Enterprise Gateway programme to engage with under-represented groups in relation to business start-ups.

But that was just a one-off, and it is currently working with the trust and Groundwork on a joint project called Communities for the Future that aims to prevent children in danger of exclusion from entering what is called the Neets group (not in education, employment or training) at 16.

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## Small firms going local and adapting to new economic reality

By **TONY PATEY**

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SMALL is beautiful, and going local instead of national, seem to be the secrets of success – certainly in the short term – for some Kent businesses in non-recession proofed sectors.

While companies with big wallets are snapping up bargains in the marketplace, many local firms are surviving and flourishing by restructuring and going into battle SAS-style, with small squadrons.

These tactics have been shown recently by some of the county's removals businesses and estate agents.

National home moves specialist Move.me.com, which has relocated many Kent customers, says the Government must intervene in the housing market otherwise it and the general economy will lose billions of pounds.

Co-founder Keith McNeilly said: "It's not rocket science. Until consumer confidence returns, both the housing market and the high street will suffer. The Government must act now to kick-start the market – the country is waiting."

"Watching from the sidelines is no longer an option. Buyers have evaporated, estate agents are shutting up shop, housebuilders are mothballing developments across the UK and

# Guerilla tactics in market share war

lenders have withdrawn from the market.

"Yet Prime Minister Gordon Brown is doing nothing to steer the property industry away from a massive loss."

With property transactions down 50 per cent on last year and now at their lowest level for 30 years, he said the industry was on its knees.

"The knock-on effect is already having grave consequences for surveying and solicitors' firms, removal companies, HIP providers and white goods retailers who have all seen dramatic falls in business."

"With moving costs totalling £11,130.80 for the average house, a 50 per cent drop on the 1.17 million people who moved last year will equate to a £65 million industry loss for 2008."

"Mass redundancies will have severe economic implications and coupled with the £4.2 billion loss to the Treasury in stamp duty and

VAT, the future is looking extremely grim."

He said the answers were to remove stamp duty for all properties up to £250,000, loan first-time buyers up to 10 per cent deposits on low-start interest rates and give incentives to lenders to give loans on new properties by guaranteeing the selling price for the next three years.

On the local scale, Maidstone-based The Talking Truck Company says it is fighting back because it took steps a year ago to cut back on large diesel-heavy removal lorries.

Director Alan Heyes said that having smaller lorries and concentrating on a more local market had saved them a lot in fuel costs.

The firm was getting many office relocating jobs – with companies going from larger to smaller offices.

"We also try to use vehicle sharing where we

can, and also to link up with rail routes. It's a change in the way we think and operate, especially with regard to the environment and costs."

Many estate agents' offices are closing due to the downturn, possibly exposing a too rapid expansion during the good times. But, again, solid local firms seem to be winning through.

Recently, the nationwide Humberts chain of estate agents went into administration, but while a small number were closed, all eight branches in Kent have remained in operation.

The Mercantile Group, which took over the greater part of Humberts, has bought its Canterbury and Canterbury Lettings branches, while the others – at Challock, Cranbrook, Edenbridge, Tenterden, Wadhurst and Wye – have been snapped up in management buy-outs and will continue trading.

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## Creative campaign just the Tonic

A NEW £180,000 creative business skills campaign has been launched to help firms and individuals in Medway and Folkestone who are using the creative and innovative industries as a focus for renewal and enterprise.

The year-long project, named Tonic, offers nine free courses at several venues, with suc-

cessful completion giving credits towards a university degree. It is funded by Kent and Medway Lifelong Learning Network and is being led by University College for the Creative Arts at Rochester, University of Kent, Canterbury Christ Church University and has the support of other colleges across the county.

# Holiday plans going on hold

By **TONY PATEY**

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REDUNDANCY fears, tighter finances and pressure at work are combining to put holiday plans on hold across the South East.

One in every three executives in the region is not using his or her full holiday entitlement, according to figures released by the Chartered Management Institute.

It's not just holidays that are in disarray. The survey also indicates that belt tightening is taking place at a business and personal level.

For example, rather than spend money on a holiday, 46 per cent of individuals in the region want to exchange unused holiday time for cash, but only 16 per cent of employers agree to this.

Private healthcare is also sought in exchange for annual leave, yet just two per cent of organisations agree to the swap. Respondents also blame a lack of support from employers for their lack of rest.

Asked why they are unable to take their full holiday entitlement, 39 per cent cited extensive workloads.

Nearly a third also claimed they have to

use holiday time to care for dependants. Just eight per cent said they have the option to give back unused holiday for flexible working options.

Even if they do go on holiday, significant proportions continue to work. The survey reveals that 39 per cent in the region regularly check work emails and 28 per cent dial-in to pick up voicemail messages, while 14 per cent say it is a good time to catch up on background reading.

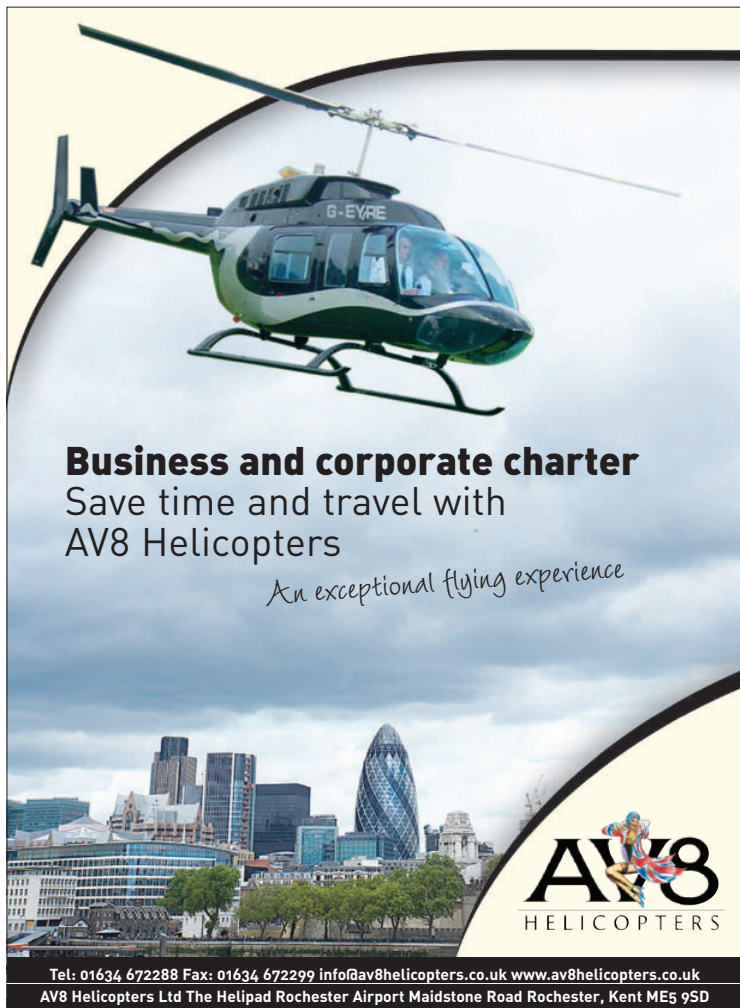
Jo Causon, director of marketing and corporate affairs at the institute, said: "There is clearly a fear that out of sight means out of mind."

"But without a proper break individual performance can suffer and employers will notice mistakes more than they will absence through holiday."

"Individuals need to recognise this and use holiday time to recharge their batteries."

For those that do make it away, Madonna, The Beach Boys and Coldplay were among the most popular holiday CD collections.

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## ProCook feels the heat

COMPANY doctors have been called in to save a national retailer of kitchen equipment and cookware which has locations in Kent and has hit cash problems.

Business is continuing as normal at ProCook – trading as The Professional Cookware Company – and the search is on for a buyer.

Richard Hill and Joff Pope of KPMG Restructuring have been appointed joint administrators with the task of saving the firm.

It operates online via its website (www.procook.co.uk) and through a chain of 39 stores across the UK, both in outlet villages and high street shops. The firm, which has loca-

tions in Ashford, Bluewater, Bromley and Chatham, was established in 1993 as a small family business and now employs 261 staff, including 20 at its head office in Cheltenham.

Business grew and even up until recently it was expanding. The website stated two new stores were "opening imminently" with more planned – and this is how it came unstuck.

Mr Pope said: "Unfortunately the rapid expansion of the company into the high street coincided with a time of tough trading for the retail sector, which means the business has hit problems. Trading will continue as normal while we seek a buyer for the business as a going concern."



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## Environmental considerations at forefront of Brett's thinking

CANTERBURY-based Brett Group is getting ready to celebrate its centenary next year and if it approaches the event with the imagination and efficiency with which it runs its business, it should be quite a do.

Its founder, Robert Brett, first started work in 1884 for a steam and traction engine maker and owner in Wincheap, quickly working his way up to being an engine driver.

Later he set up his own haulage business delivering flints and clinker gathered from farms and gas works to the local council's road construction sites, and pioneered sand and gravel quarrying in East Kent.

The group is one of the largest independently-owned construction and building materials groups in Britain and has doubled in size over the past five years. It employs more than 800 people in the UK, Jersey and Virginia, USA, and chairman, Bill Brett, is the fourth generation of the family to be in charge.

Its landscaping and building products arm is based in Cliffe and in just eight years has become number two in the concrete block paving market. In the last few months it has won its second Chelsea Flower Show medal and notched up its first ISO accreditation for quality management systems.

Marketing services manager Zack Barrett (pictured) talked to KOS Media:

**Q** How is the credit crunch affecting your business?

**A** Landscaping and building products has enjoyed rapid expansion in recent years and has dramatically grown its turnover. However, the current economic downturn has certainly affected the rate of house building across the UK.

Some figures suggest that new-build start-ups are down 40 per cent on predicted levels, and that's bound to have an impact on suppliers. That said, Brett's market share is increasing, largely because of the good relationships we've built with customers.

We have a very loyal customer base and I think that's because we work closely with our distribution chains to make sure we're providing the most effective and reliable service.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

It is just about to celebrate its centenary and employs more than 800 staff in the UK and America. Here, marketing services manager **Zack Barrett** talks about the Brett Group's success and its plans in an ever-changing business market



**Q** Ethical sourcing, sustainability and the reduction of carbon emissions are hot topics. How is Brett tackling these issues?

**A** Like all the companies in the Brett Group, we take our corporate and social responsibilities very seriously and we're constantly looking to improve the way we do business.

As a member of the Precast Sector Sustainability Charter, we're committed to going beyond current legislation to improve our performance on a range of issues, looking at ways to minimise waste, use energy more efficiently, and use water and raw materials more effectively. For example, research has suggested that concrete is far more sustainable than imported Indian sandstone, so we'll be looking to develop more products in this area. We also support the Ethical Trading Initiative, which is designed to raise working conditions among suppliers across the globe. That means where we do import natural stone, we can guarantee it has been ethically and responsibly sourced.

**Q** The 2007 floods showed that fundamental changes must be made to tackle the problem. What can companies like Brett do to reduce the risks?

**A** It's unlikely we can ever eliminate flooding, but we all need to take the risk seriously and do what we can to deal with it.

ural drainage of surface water in our towns and cities. One of its proposals is to take away the right of householders and businesses to lay impermeable surfaces. That means people will need planning permission to pave over their gardens, unless they use permeable paving.

Brett landscaping and building products has taken a pro-active part in the Government's consultation process, channelling its comments via Interpave, the Concrete Block Paving Association. Only time will tell if new legislation will be effective but, as climate change takes hold, the trend for permeable paving will undoubtedly increase. That's why Brett is developing new drainage systems for the garden and home, and considering permeable options on all future paving product developments.

**Q** What next for Brett?

**A** There are lots of opportunities for Brett in the commercial sector as this is currently a small part of our business – but with the environment at the top of the agenda, product innovation will be more important than ever for us to stay successful.

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# Pulling together in harness

By **TONY PATEY**

Business Editor

ONE of the UK's most reputable and highly skilled equine hospitals, Bell Equine Veterinary Clinic, is completing work on key construction developments.

The work, at its property at Mere-worth, in the Medway valley between Maidstone and Tonbridge, will keep the clinic at the cutting edge of its industry and has been backed by a £500,000 funding package from NatWest Bank.

It was founded in 1989 with two vets and a few support staff and has developed into one of the leading equine veterinary clinics in the South East.

It covers the whole of Kent and East Sussex with referrals coming

from all over the UK and Europe.

In addition to its original operating theatre, state-of-the-art diagnostic ultrasonography, computerised radiography, nuclear scintigraphy and video-endoscopy have all been introduced.

Bell was also the first clinic in the world capable of performing certain examinations on standing (un-anaesthetised) horses.

Partners at the clinic had been looking at plans for the coming decade so Julian Samuelson, managing partner, approached Paul Staines, relationship manager at NatWest's commercial banking team in the Thames Gateway.

Construction is now nearing completion and includes increased residential accommodation for vets and new permanent accommodation for vet students, an equine hydrotherapy treatment unit with six dedicated stables, general refurbishment and larger offices to support the 14 vets,

nine administrative staff and 11 nursing staff.

Mr Samuelson said: "We have been on a path of continued growth and excellence since we began in 1989 and are very proud of what the clinic has been able to achieve and the quality of care it is now able to provide. It is also passing this knowledge on to the vets of tomorrow thanks to a partnership with several of the UK's leading universities.

"We saw this expansion as crucial to our goal of positioning ourselves as an outstanding provider of innovative equine care.

"We have banked with NatWest since inception and it is terrific to have such a supportive banking partner that truly believes in our growth aspirations."

Mr Staines said: "It is established in a fast growth area, with the equine industry now larger than the agriculture industry in economic terms."



**IN THE SADDLE:** Paul Staines of NatWest Bank, left, with Julian Samuelson of Bell Equine Veterinary Clinic, and Sam the horse



## Seeds of a bountiful union



**DIGGING IN:** Alex Rennie, Hadlow's head gardener

THAT Kent is indisputably the Garden of England and also home to one of the UK's leading land-based colleges has received what amounts to an endorsement from Suttons, the UK's internationally renowned seed company, writes **Pat Crawford**.

Suttons has selected Hadlow College, near Tonbridge, to produce and develop its working show garden.

This is a real tribute to Hadlow, which has what is considered one of the best faculties of horticulture in the UK.

The Suttons garden adds an important new dimension for visitors to the college's eight-and-a-half acre Broadview Gardens which are open 360 days of the year. Entry is free.

The initiative also heralds fresh opportunities for horticulture students who will have chance to be involved with Suttons in the development of innovative growing techniques and the launch of new products.

In turn, Suttons will experience firsthand the outstanding education and training provided by Hadlow and benefit from the valuable commercial and research work undertaken at the college.

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Andrew McGavin set up the site, which has received 13,500 reports of dangerous driving from the public across the UK.

By **TONY PATEY**

Business Editor

He said: "New corporate manslaughter legislation came into force in April which links a company's guilt to the gross negligence of an individual who is said to embody the company."

"What that means in practice is if an executive driving on business is using a handheld mobile phone and kills someone, the MD or CEO could be prosecuted for not giving them a hands-free kit and having a relevant policy in place."

Mr McGavin added: "Responsible business leaders need to take action immediately to educate their drivers about the need for safer driving and the consequences if they break the rules."

Three recent surveys have revealed the

dangers faced by companies. An RAC study showed that business drivers are twice as likely to be involved in an accident compared with other drivers.

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But the new laws are so wide-ranging that Kent's Business Link commercial advisory service is urging bosses across the county to brush up their knowledge of them so they don't unwittingly fall foul of the law.

The Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations – known as CPRs – were introduced in May largely to replace the old Trade Descriptions Act. While protecting consumers from misleading and aggressive sales tactics, they're also designed to standardise laws across the European Union,



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allowing fair trade between businesses in different countries. There are actually 31 practices which are now officially outlawed, and these include using false endorsements for a product or service and the use of misleading comparison in advertisements.

Business Link's Linda Bennett said: "The CPRs have been introduced to provide a level playing field for businesses and to protect shoppers. The vast majority of businesses operate fairly and honestly and will not need to change the way they operate."

"However, we have provided advice for businesses which want to check they are trading within the new law. For specific inquiries about individual cases, companies can also seek advice from their local council Trading Standards Office."

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By **RICHARD PARSONS**

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cillors and dignitaries from around the district at a celebratory reception.

This part of the St Augustine's development consists of 11 offices and has been a phenomenal success, with 10 offices already occupied.

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HIGH JUMP: Martin Lloyd will aim to raise the bar at trials



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# Trio at the trials

## in bid for Beijing

### Athletes aim to clinch spot on GB team

By **TOM HOWARD**

THREE Kent athletes have the chance to earn their tickets on the plane to Beijing and represent Great Britain in their first-ever Olympic games.

Middle distance runner Lisa Dobriskey, from Ashford, high jumper Martin Lloyd, from Bexley, and sprinter Montell Douglas, from Bromley, all have the chance to make the Great Britain squad at the National Championships and GB trials at Birmingham this weekend.

Dobriskey, who is reigning 1,500m Commonwealth champion, goes into the trials at the Birmingham Alexander Stadium as one of the favourites to qualify.

In order to claim her trip to Beijing, Dobriskey will have to run faster than the qualifying time of 4m 27s.

The 24-year-old has run the time on more than one occasion this season, but her aim

will be to win the event at Birmingham and therefore guarantee herself a place in the Great Britain team. Dobriskey is aware of the prize at stake and just how important it is to make no mistakes.

She said: "I am feeling good ahead of the trials and I am in a good frame of mind. This is the kind of event that you have to take extremely seriously and make sure you get it right, as the prize at stake is huge."

#### Dreamed

"It would be an amazing feeling if I could qualify for the Olympics, as it is something I have dreamed about for such a long time and I will be giving my all to get there."

Dobriskey, who clinched the gold medal in Melbourne in 2006, is relishing the added expectation the 'champion' tag has on her.

She added: "Going into the trial as the Commonwealth champion does have an added expectation, but it can be a positive aspect because the expectation can drive you on."

It has been short rise to success for high jumper Lloyd, who only returned to the sport

in 2006 after suffering two career-threatening injuries. However, he knows he is capable of making the team, despite suffering an injury scare before the event.

Lloyd said: "I am feeling confident ahead of the event and I know I will be at the sharp end, but I have not jumped competitively since early June due to a hamstring injury. Beijing is still the dream and looking at the field, it is very open."

Blackheath & Bromley sprinter Montell Douglas will be looking to impress the selectors in the 200m and clinch a place at her first Olympic games. The 21-year-old was part of the Great Britain squad that finished third in the Spar European Cup at Anney in France last month.

Douglas has a history of doing well at the National Championships after winning the 100m in the under-23 category last year and the 100m and 200m under-17 competition in 2002. The 200m heats began yesterday with the final taking place today.



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## Sandwich unlucky in primary school finals

**CRICKET:** Wentworth Primary School beat Sandwich Junior School to become the 2008 Primary Schools Kwik Cricket champions of Kent.

The county final was part of the ECB's national Kwik Cricket tournament with games organised by the Kent Cricket Board as part of the Kent Youth Games.

More than 5,000 youngsters from 500 teams took part in the competition. The final matches were played at Polo Farm in Canterbury and watched by a crowd of about 500.

Heidi Coleman, Kent's programmes manager, said: "All the players can be really proud of their achievements. Particularly impressive was the spirit in which the games were played, especially considering how competitive the matches were."

Wentworth, from Dartford, and Sandwich received their medals from Kent seamer Simon Cook. Both sides will go on to the next stage of the competition, which finishes tomorrow with the national final at Leicestershire's Grace Road.

## Golden goal clinches Bay's second double

**ROLLER HOCKEY:** Herne Bay United completed the league and cup double in dramatic circumstances last weekend as they beat Middlesbrough with a golden goal in extra time.



Brendan Barker sprung a surprise move at the start of the extra period, scoring the decisive goal within seconds.

United player/coach Phil McVey said: "Middlesbrough were devastated because you don't expect it. I have never seen it done in a game before. We were delighted – it was a brilliant way to win it."

It capped a tension-filled final, which had ended 2-2 after normal time.

The win sealed United's second successive league and cup and double, which had only been achieved once before in the club's history.



## Clubs hope to power their way to Twickers

**RUGBY:** Kent rugby clubs will begin to dream of playing on the hallowed turf of Twickenham as the first round for the EDF Energy Cups were drawn this week.

National League Division Three South side Canterbury have been handed a home draw against lower league opposition Staines in the EDF Energy National Trophy.

In the Intermediate Trophy, newly-promoted Dover will host Westcliff as they look to try to repeat last season's run in the cup that saw them reach the quarter finals.

Beckenham will play Welwyn and London South East Three winners Gravesend will travel to face Bury St Edmunds.

Elsewhere in the trophy, Maidstone are at home to Diss and Tunbridge Wells will take on Chingford.

In the Senior Vase, Folkestone host Essex side Billericay, while Tonbridge Juddian and Whitstable face away trips to play South Woodham Ferrers and Canvey.

All ties will be played on Saturday, October 18.

## Club to build on European Open success

A WEEK after successfully hosting their maiden European Tour event, staff at the London Golf Club have already drawn up a long list of changes to improve the course for next year's tournament.

More than 55,000 people flocked to the course near Ash over the four days to see a high quality field compete for the £2.4m European Open.

Feedback from the players was very complimentary and the club has been inundated by phone calls and letters from spectators who enjoyed their visit.

Despite all the positives, Heath Harvey, general manager at the London Club, is clear they will not be resting on their laurels.

He said: "We have got a list of 200 things to do differently, all of which would make it a better tournament for spectators and players. We are happy with how



TEERING UP: Colin Montgomerie waits to drive off at the ninth

it went, but we always feel there's room for improvement. The course was great, but we have a few areas where we would like to make changes.

"We won't be sitting around there and slapping ourselves on the back. There are lots of things to do to raise the standard given a bit more time."

Clubs are usually given a year to prepare for staging a Tour event, but the decision to award the European Open to the London Club was not made until mid-February. Given greater time to prepare, the club are confident they would make advances for 2009.

The London Club are not guaranteed to host it again next year, but talks are already underway to bring it back. European Tour chief executive George O'Grady heaped praise on the club during the trophy presentation and in last week's Kent on Sunday, the Tour's director of tournament development was very positive about the club's chances.

Harvey said: "We are hoping to host it again in 2009. The public have certainly shown they are interested and voted with their feet. I'm sure that we have done enough over this tournament to hopefully secure it for the future."





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FINED: Young England star Topsy Ojo

## Topsy not tipsy but he is still fined for staying out too late

FORMER Dartford Grammar School pupil Topsy Ojo has been disciplined for misconduct and fined for his part in an incident after England's first Test in New Zealand last month.

Ojo, 22, has been fined £500 by the Rugby Football Union after admitting he had stayed out past 7am following a drinking session with the England team after the first Test against the All Blacks.

At the time, mystery surrounded what had actually happened as an allegation of sexual assault had been made, although no formal complaint was made to the New Zealand police.

RFU disciplinary officer Jeff Blackett carried out the investigation and confirmed he had neither seen nor heard any evidence to say there had been any criminal wrong-doing.

Mike Brown was fined £1,000 for "staying out all night" while fellow England players David Strettle and Danny Care were found not guilty of any misconduct.

Blackett's report read: "Topsy Ojo accepts he should not have stayed out until after 7am, although his alcohol consumption was fairly modest and he was not at all inebriated."

"There is clearly a need for a tighter rein on players when they are on England duty and they all need to be given clear guidelines about the limits of acceptable behaviour."

Ojo had scored two tries on his debut in the game which England lost 37-20.



IN THE SQUAD: Alastair McKean (second from front) and James Morgan (front) clinched their seats for China

Picture: GETTY IMAGES

# Oarsome opportunity

## Wait over as duo make GB Paralympics team

By DAVID PRITCHARD

ADAPTIVE rowing makes its debut at the Paralympics in September and two Kent rowers are confident of making history by winning one of the sport's first gold medals.

Alastair McKean, from Canterbury, and James Morgan, from Deal, were among the eight-strong British team announced this week. They will compete in the mixed coxed fours over the one-kilometre course at the Shunyi Olympic Rowing Park in September.

Despite enjoying a successful season as a team, McKean admitted it had been a nervous wait for the official confirmation.

He said: "It's not really until you see the letter with your name on saying you are going to Beijing that it really sinks in."

"I think there's always a slight bit of doubt in the back of your mind saying, it's not going to happen, you are not good enough, but I was 95 per cent sure selection was a formality."

"Over the season we have had an idea about who would be picked, but it's pretty exciting to travel halfway round the world to represent your country."

It is the first time adaptive rowing has been included in the Paralympics. The discipline, where boats are adapted to allow rowers with disabilities to continue to compete, is in its infancy and only made its debut at the World Rowing Championships in 2002.

McKean was a promising rower until he was involved in a serious road accident which limited the use of one of his arms.

### Highlight

He has been competing for Britain in adaptive rowing since 2005, when he won the World Championships in Japan. The team retained the title a year later and won silver last year.

Although the 29-year-old has accomplished a lot in his career, going to the Paralympics will be the highlight.

He said: "This is my World Cup. I have won World Championships and set a world record, but this is the pinnacle. If you win there's nothing else you can achieve in the sport."

Morgan has a long background in rowing, with 15 years' experience competing for Deal Walmer and Kingsdown Amateur Rowing Club. He is the newest member of the team, making his debut last year.

He helped them to gold at the Varese International Regatta in Italy three months ago and at a pre-Paralympic regatta in Poland in June, where they convincingly beat reigning world champions Germany.

The Germans remain the biggest threat to their gold medal hopes, while the teams from the United States and Canada are also tipped to do well.

Rowing is regularly one of the best sports for Britain's medals haul at the Olympics and McKean believes it could also be a stronghold in the Paralympics.

He said: "There are four events in the rowing and out of those we have the potential for gold in three of them and probably a bronze in the fourth, so I think Britain can go and sweep the board."

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# Priestfield faithful stand by Gills

RELEGATION into the bottom tier of the Football League has not deterred Gillingham fans from buying season tickets ahead of the club's new campaign.

Around 2,500 have been sold in the six weeks since tickets went on sale. With 'early bird' discounted tickets available for another three weeks, the club are on course to meet their goal of reaching last season's total of 3,500.

Gills' chief executive Mark Jones is impressed with the reaction so far.

He told Kent on Sunday: "We are delighted - it is a good figure for this time of year. In this current economic climate it is very good. We didn't set any targets for this stage, but it feels like we have done very well so far."

"At this time we are not complacent and we are not wishing to come across as arrogant. We



LOYAL: Gillingham fans have bought season tickets despite the club's descent into the lower reaches of the Football League

continue to hope they will support us."

After a miserable season on the pitch, where the side scored 26

goals in 23 league games at Priestfield, there had been fears many season ticket holders would not renew and instead

be more selective about which games they attended.

In response to relegation the club introduced a number of schemes to entice the fans back.

As well as cutting season ticket prices across the board they brought in an under-11 ticket for £50 and will give holders a pair of free tickets every other time Gills lose a league game at Priestfield.

With season ticket sales so vital to all clubs, Jones, who only took up his post in April, admits it has been an anxious wait to see what the fans would do.

He said: "It's always a nervous time in some respects, but we have taken the bull by the horns and given them a good price."

"We believe that with the facilities we have, these tickets are good value for money and it will be an exciting season."

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# County closing in on cup double



**TROPHY HAUL:** The Friends Provident Trophy (above) and Twenty20 Cup (right)



KENT are on course to record an historic cup double after reaching two finals in the space of a week.

Rob Key's side secured a place in their first Lord's final for 11 years after a comfortable 83 run win over Friends Provident Trophy cup holders Durham in last Friday's semi-final.

The Spitfires followed it up with a quarter final Twenty20 win against the Warwickshire Bears on Thursday night, to ensure they make a return to finals day for the second year in succession.

Key's side face the Essex Eagles in the first semi-final, while the Middlesex Crusaders will play either the Durham Dynamos or Nottinghamshire Outlaws on finals day at the Rose Bowl on July 26.

The demand for tickets for the Friends Provident final at the home of cricket on August 16 has been very high, according to the club's commercial director Jon Fordham.

The club have been selling their allocation of 4,000 tickets for members and one-day season ticket holders, although there is a good chance there will be enough left for non-members when they go on general sale on Wednesday.

Kent stand to earn about £30,000 from gate receipts for the Lord's final, as well as £22,000 if they were to lose – a figure doubled if they pick up the trophy.

If Kent were to reach the final at the Rose Bowl – as both the semi-final and final is played on the same day – they

would automatically be entered in the Champions League against teams from Australia, South Africa, Pakistan and India for a chance to win £2.4 million.

This still hangs in the balance, however, as the England and Wales Cricket Board are yet to decide on whether teams that field players from the Indian Cricket League – such as Kent's Azhar Mahmood and Justin Kemp – will be allowed to feature in the final.

Their inclusion could mean Kent forfeit a chance to play in the inaugural Champions League, although if either Nottinghamshire or Durham reach the final, they too will be in the same situation.

• **For details of how to purchase tickets for both finals, visit [www.kent-ccc.co.uk](http://www.kent-ccc.co.uk).**



**CHAMPION:** Padraig Harrington

## Door Open for county golfers to face Padraig

By **TOM HOWARD**

TWO Kent golfers will be stepping into the unknown as they battle against the likes of Sergio Garcia, Phil Mickleson and defending champion Padraig Harrington at the 137th Open Championship at Royal Birkdale next week.

Sevenoaks' Peter Appleyard and Chart Hills amateur Tom Sherreard secured two of just 12 qualifying spots for the championship after the final round of qualifying this week.

The pair's journey began in the regional qualifying event held at the Rochester & Cobham Park course last week. Sherreard and Appleyard finished tied first and third

after the one round shoot-out, securing a place in one of the three local qualifying finals played over two rounds on Monday and Tuesday.

Appleyard, the Wildernes Golf Club professional, came through a four way play-off to secure his place at Royal Birkdale after carding rounds of 72 and 75 at the West Lancashire Golf Club on Tuesday.

### Triumph

Sherreard, a 20-year-old amateur, turned heads in the final at Southport and Ainslie after shooting rounds of 72 and 69 to reach three under par. The score was good enough for a share of the lead at the end of the tournament.

The amateur golfer, who finished runner-up in the British Boys Championship in 2004, was overwhelmed with his triumph and is in disbelief at what he has achieved.

Sherreard told Kent on Sunday: "I still can't believe it really. I was so surprised to

have qualified for one of the biggest tournaments in the world. It really is a dream come true.

"It is going to be daunting at Royal Birkdale, playing and meeting all the golfers. There will be a lot of expectation on me as I have qualified for the tournament, which will be hard to deal with. For me really it is not an event I can go into with high expectations, but to just play my game and see what happens.

"I will be gobsmacked when I get to mix with some of the world's best golfers. I just hope I find enough courage to talk to them. I have the chance to learn an awful lot from talking to them."

Sherreard admitted that he will be in awe of the surroundings at Royal Birkdale on Thursday, but is hoping he will be able to overcome that by the time he reaches the first tee at the famous course.

He said: "I have never played at Royal Birkdale, but while I was waiting for the results from the local final qualifying, I was quite nervous so I went up to see the course.

"Even with all the grandstands empty I was in awe of the place. It is amazing. I am sure when the grandstands are full and the event begins I will have that feeling, but it will be 10 times greater."

Sherreard and Appleyard will tee off in the first round of The Open Championship on Thursday.



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## Web owners slow to pick Fleet squad

LESS than 10 per cent of the 30,000 Ebbsfleet United website fans have taken up an opportunity to pick the team for the club's first friendly of the season.

The website group, which has 30,000 website members, had been given their first chance to decide who they want to play in yesterday's first pre-season friendly with Charlton Athletic at Stonebridge Road.

However, after the team selector on the MyFootballClub.co.uk website went live last Sunday, by Friday, only 1,648 members had taken advantage of selecting the 11 players that would face Alan Pardew's men.

After taking over Ebbsfleet seven months ago, members on the site complained that MYFC have not fulfilled their promise for the concept of 'own the club, pick the team.'

Now less than 10 per cent have submitted their favoured 11, a decision which disappointed the website's creator, Will Brooks.

He said: "The team selection function went live last Sunday and in all we hope to have about 2,000 pick the team – which is not a lot considering we have 30,000 members.

"We have listened to members and read posts and taken into account how they feel about the team selection function and produced what we feel is a fair system.

"I wouldn't say I was worried about the amount of people that have voted. We emailed all the members and it is a new thing so it will take time before we get the full results."

Clearly, members' priorities have changed since they officially took over Ebbsfleet in January this year, with less people now interested in choosing who will play in each game for the Fleet.

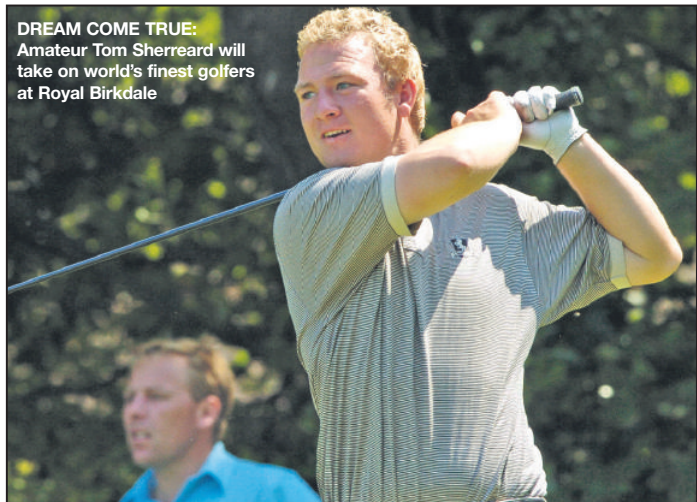
Brooks said: "I remain open-minded about the team selection function. The numbers show there has been a change in members' views."

This is a view echoed by MyFC member Tom Baker who helped, together with other Fleet owners, to raise an extra £20,000 for manager Liam Daish's weekly playing budget.

He said: "The pick the team function was crucial for me when I signed up to the scheme even before Ebbsfleet United were the club chosen. The facility attracted a lot of members.

"Now I have been a part of the MyFC for a number of months, the picking the team function does not really interest me."

**DREAM COME TRUE:** Amateur Tom Sherreard will take on world's finest golfers at Royal Birkdale



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# CORRY'S LAMENT

A FORMER England rugby captain has claimed that players will continue to move out of Kent if they are to progress in the game because there are no Premiership teams in the county.

Martin Corry, who captained England from 2005 to 2007 and earned 64 caps during a 10-year career playing for his country, learned his trade as a back row forward while playing for Tunbridge Wells during his school years.

The 34-year-old, who still plays in the Premiership with Leicester Tigers, is concerned that although Kent boasts a competitive rugby community, players are hampered by the fact there are no top-level sides and they have to move away to progress.

He told Kent on Sunday: "I think what happens is Kent are to a degree hamstrung by not having any real top-class clubs. If you do want to go further in your rugby career you have to move away, which is a shame

## Ex-England skipper says county will keep losing talent without Premiership rugby

### EXCLUSIVE

By TOM HOWARD

but, unfortunately, a necessity."

Kent has 79 rugby clubs playing in leagues throughout the county and just three are in the National Leagues: Westcombe Park (National League 2), Blackheath (National League 2) and Canterbury (National League 3 South). There are three Kent-born players currently in the England set-up, but all have had to leave the area to advance their careers.

Tom Varndell, born in Sevenoaks, now

plies his trade with Corry at Leicester, while Bromley's Andrew Sheridan plays at Sale Sharks and bright star Topsy Ojo – who scored two tries on his England debut – began his career at Dartford before progressing to London Irish.

Kent RFU president Robin Taylor agrees having a Premiership side in the county would benefit other clubs and raise the standard, but does not believe it prevents Kent-based players featuring at top teams.

He said: "Not having a top-level club in the county does not stop players reaching their potential, as the England squad shows with three players from Kent. Players that have something special will always rise to the top. The RFU have a good system and will look



**THICK OF IT:** Tunbridge Wells Rugby Club players – Martin Corry's old club – in action

at all clubs in the county for talent."

Taylor also commented on the fact that although promotion to the Premiership would be a big thing for Kent, the practicalities for the county's clubs would be a separate issue.

He said: "We would love to have a club in the Premiership and in theory sides such as Blackheath, Westcombe Park and Canterbury can and want to reach there. It is all well and good having ambition, but the problem is whether they have the funds, the facilities and the structure to make it possible."

Corry, who began his career at Tunbridge Wells at the age of seven, spent 11 years at the club rising through the mini section to the first team, before leaving for Newcastle Falcons, formerly known as Newcastle Gosforth.

### Tremendous

Joining his local team proved to be one of the best decisions of his career and he urges youngsters who want to get involved in the sport to join their nearest rugby club.

Corry said: "Rugby is a tremendous sport, the ultimate team sport. It teaches good values and is a lot of fun. The mini section is tremendously well organised at Tunbridge Wells and I am sure this is similar to many clubs across the county. I hope more youngsters will choose to get involved."

Although Corry feels the county would benefit from a top-level club, he is impressed by the standard of rugby and believes the structure of the game in Kent is sound.

"Kent rugby is obviously thriving and a lot of it is based on teaching the game in schools in the county," he said. "Learning the game in schools was another really good springboard for me while I was at Tunbridge Wells Grammar School and it is very important to continue the teaching process."



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